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jor items in the total were $3,506.42 for vehicle repair; $1,212.50 for chemicals; $2,194.50 for sewer pipe; $1,372.82, Elba portion of the Coffee County Emergency Management fees; $2,644 for annual flood insurance and $1,002.75 dues for the Southeast Alabama Planning Authority.

A discussion on the posting of yard sale signs led to instructions for the police to issue warnings until people are aware of the ordinance against any signs without a permit from city hall.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow expressed compliments to every city worker, "with a special nod to the Recreation Department for making the stadium look as good as ever."

He explained the bleachers had been steam cleaned in preparation for the little league football and it had worked in perfectly for the Foggy Bottom festival.

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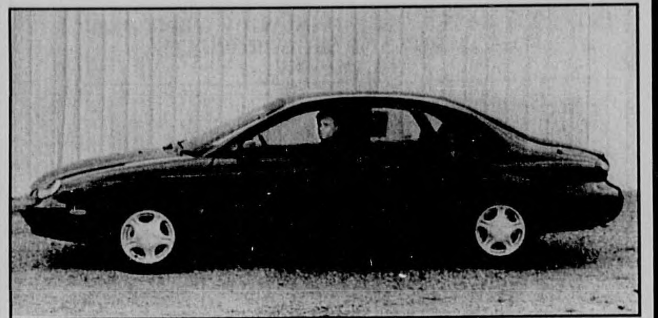

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION IN RE: The Estate of: HERBERT JONES, an Incapacitated person. NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that SAMMY LEE DONALDSON, as Conservator of the Estate of Herbert Jones, an incapacitated person, filed his account and vouchers for partial settlement of said Estate on the 26th day of August, 1997, and that the 30th day of September, 1997, at 10:00 o'clock A.M has been appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 29th day of August, 1997.
/s/ William O. Gammill
JUDGE OF PROBATE 9-4,11,18chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TISHEY H. DAVIS, DECEASED. CASE NO. PC-97-41

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of September, 1997, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Raymond Davis
Personal Representative 9-11,18,25chg

Fort Toulouse to feature re-enactment of history

On Sept. 20 - 21 the reconstructed Fort Toulouse will be garrisoned by reenactors portraying the original French Colonial Marines and their families who journed up the Alabama River to the junction of the Tallapoosa and Coosa Rivers near present-day Wetumpka.

Indian camps will be set up outside the fort and the blacksmith shop will be working.

The public is invited to see the dress and lifestyles of a 1750's French fort, and how the inhabitants lived their day-to-day lives.

There will also be cannon firing, musket demonstrations, blacksmithing and exhibits of the clothing, food and tools used to exist on the early Alabama frontier.

A family reunion for the Fontenots will be held in conjunction with this month's French Colonial living history program.

All Fontenots in the United States are descendants of Sgt. Jean Louis Fontenot (Fonteneau). He was a French Marine at Fort Toulouse from 1722 until his death in 1755.

Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park is located 8 miles north of Montgomery off U.S. 231 and 2-1/2 miles west of Wetumpka. The charge is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

For more information call 334/567-3002.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE State of Alabama County of Coffee

WHEREAS, Ben-Her Enterprises, Inc, a corporation, and Hershal Benefield and Naomi P. Benefield, by personal guarantee, executed to Mickey Brackin and Tina Brackin on the 6th day of May 1994, a Mortgage upon the real estate hereinafter described to secure indebtedness described therein, said Mortgage being recorded in Mortgage Book 120, Page 212, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County (Elba Division) at Elba, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage and in the performance of the terms of said Mortgage, and said default continuing

NOW, THEREOF, Tina M. Brackin, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Mickey Brackin, the owner of said Mortgage, will sell, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, in the City of Elba, Alabama, the real estate embraced in said Mortgage described as follows:

All of the lands North of the Railroad right of way in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the East 7 1/2 acres of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying North of the Railroad right of way, being 39 1/2 acres in Section 7, T3N, R19E, being the same land which was deeded by W.Y. Nobles and wife, J.C. Farris by deed dated December 30, 1925, which was recorded in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama, in Deed Book D-3, page 411, LESS AND EXCEPT 2 1/2 acres of land in NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 7, T3N, R19E, including all improvements thereon, and better described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 7, T3N, R19E, thence North 02 degrees-53'-16" E a distance of 242.75 feet along the East line of said NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 7, thence North 89 degrees-21'-36" West a distance of 587.99 feet to the Northeasterly right of way line of L&N Railroads right of way: thence South 49 degrees-59'-34" East a cord distance of 131.23 feet along the Northeasterly right of way line of T3N, R19E; thence South 89 degrees-20'33" a distance of 306.99 feet along the South line of said forty to the point of beginning, including all improvements thereon, said property containing 37 acres more or less.

NOTE: Said sale, and any conveyance made in consummation thereof, will be made subject to any existing Federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Dated this the 9th day of September, 1997.
Tina M. Brackin, Individual and As Administratrix of the Estate of Mickey Brackin, deceased
9-11,18,25chg

ESTATE OF THELMA CLARK DECEASED PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of August, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Charles G. Ellis, Executor
8--28,9-4,11chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION IN RE: The Estate of: CLYDE JONES, an Incapacitated person. NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that SAMMY LEE DONALDSON, as Conservator of the Estate of Clyde Jones, an incapacitated person, filed his account and vouchers for partial settlement of said Estate on the 26th day of August, 1997, and that the 30th day of September, 1997, at 10:00 o'clock A.M has been appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 29th day of August, 1997.
/s/ William O. Gammill
JUDGE OF PROBATE 9-4,11,18chg

STATE OF ALABAMA COVINGTON COUNTY

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on December 9, 1994, Frank Charles Smith did execute and deliver to Rice Acceptance Company, Inc., a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 124-A, Pages 36-38, and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continues at this date, and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on September 25, 1997, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 4 and 5, Amelia Estates Subdivision Number 2 to Coffee County as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 24, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Elba Office.

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Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations appearing of record.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to subject property.

Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for Mortgagee
LAIRD, WOODARD & BAKER
501 North Main Street
Opp, Alabama 36467
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SHERIFF ' S SALE

By virtue of writ of execution issued out of the District Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Joseph E. Johnson in favor of Army Aviation Center F.C.U (DV-96-38), out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Joseph E. Johnson I have levied on the following property, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Lakeview Subdivision as Recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71, Probate Office, Enterprise, Alabama; thence S80-36'-25"W 336.04 feet to the West side of Lakeview Drive and the Point of Beginning; thence N2-56'-12"W along the West side of Lakeview Drive 189.16 feet to a point; thence S84-32'-42"W 153.53 feet to the waters edge of Lake Gregory; thence along the waters edge of Lake Gregory a chord distance and bearing of S3-42-48"E 215.49 feet to a point; thence N74-40'-22"E 154.05 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 18, T5N. R22E and containing 0.705 acres more or less.

Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above named Joseph E. Johnson in and to the above described property, on the 20th day of October, 1997, during the legal hours of sale, at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse steps in Elba, Alabama.

Dated this 4th day of September, 1997.
/s/Ben Moates
Benjamin M. "Ben" Moates, Sheriff
9-11,18,25-chg

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 31, 1990, executed by RONALD E. STALEY, JR., unmarried, to COLONIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, which mortgage was recorded on August 2. 1990, in Volume 95-A, Page 149, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, which mortgage was, together with the indebtedness secured thereby, and the note evidencing the same, duly transferred to CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, by instrument dated October 2, 1990, and recorded November 25, 1991, in Miscellaneous Book 38, Page 48, Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by the said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 20th day of October, 1997, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the North line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 20, T7N, R22E intersects the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #72; thence S10 degrees - 02 minutes W along the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #72 210.0 feet to a point; thence S89 degrees - 40 minutes W 210.0 feet to a point; thence N10 degrees - 02 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N89 degrees - 40 minutes E 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 20, T7N, R22E and containing 1 acre more or less.

CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY
Transferee 9-11,18,25chg

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms of the mortgage executed on the 30th day of January, 1992 by Huey Wayne Allen, a single person, to First Federal Bank, and being recorded in Mortgage Book 105-A, Page 244 in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama; was assigned to Colonial Bank by assignment dated April 19, 1996 and recorded in OR Book 10-A, page 293 in said Probate Office, and said default continuing, the mortgagee, under power of sale contained in said mortgage will sell at auction for cash to the highest bidder on the steps of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, during legal hours of sale on the 1st day of October, 1997, the following described real estate embraced in said mortgage, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, Coffee County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West line of Section 36 and the South right of way (40 feet from centerline) of Coffee County Highway #79; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the South right of way of said road 2000.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 0°15' West, 534.3 feet; thence South 76°28' East, 420.0 feet; thence North 0°15' East, 534.3 feet to the South right of way of said road; thence North 76°28' West 420.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.01 acres, more or less. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Lien and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which may adversely affect the title to the property.

This property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use or enjoyment.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Colonial Bank
Mortgagee - Transferee
Sasser & Littleton, P.C.
1928 First Avenue North
Suite 1400
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205)322-0006
Attorneys for Mortgagee
9-4,11,18,25chg

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Floyd Construction Co., Inc.; P.O. Box 485; Troy AL 36081 gives notice of completion of Elba High School Access Road #44-015 and sets September 25, 1997, as the date of final settlement. All persons and firms should file all claims for payment to the below address prior to the settlement date:
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BY: Linda D. Floyd
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Owen Ziglar's case nol-prossed

by **Marvin McIlwain** - Editor

On August 28, 1997 Owen Ziglar's fourth trial ended in a hung jury and a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr.

Ziglar's defense attorneys, Staford Pittman and Richard Whittaker, filed a motion with the court to dismiss the charge against him on August 29, 1997.

District Attorney Mark Fuller also filed a motion before the court. His motion was to nolle prosequi (formal notice by the prosecutor that prosecution in a criminal case will be ended) the case.

Last Thursday, September 11, Judge Barr denied the defense's motion to dismiss; however, he granted the state's motion to nolle pross.

The difference between dismissing the case and having it nolle prossed is as follows (according to the legal minds): if it is dismissed, it cannot be brought back up, but with the case being nolle prossed, Ziglar could be charged again should new evidence pertaining to the case be discovered.

However, sources close to the case agree that this is highly unlikely although it is technically possible.

Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the 1990 shotgun slaying of Edward Lamar Kelley. He was convicted on the lesser charge of manslaughter in a 1991 trial.

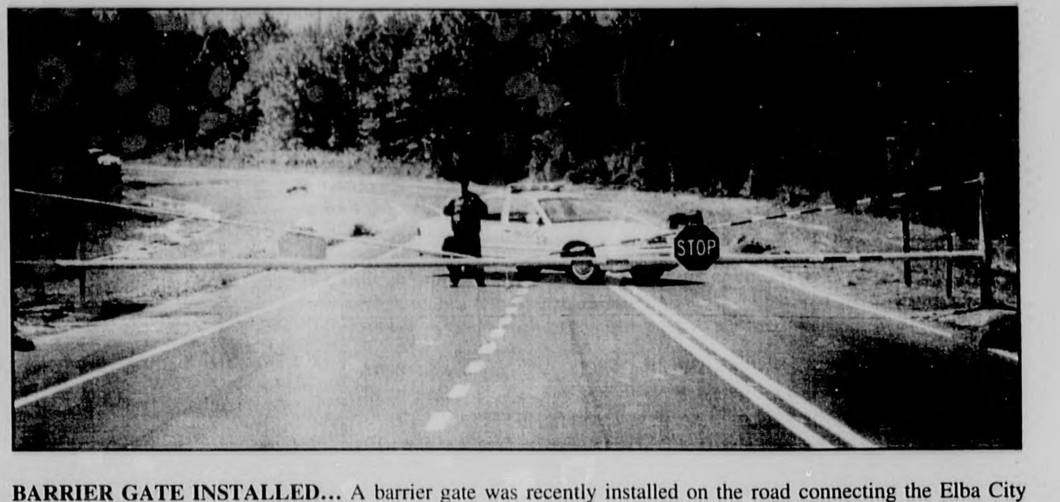
Ziglar was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, ordered to pay court costs, a fine of $10,000.00, repay attorney's fees paid by the state, restitution of $4,600.00 to the Kelley family, and $10,000.00 to the crime victim assessment.

In 1993, the 1991 conviction, and sentence, were overturned by the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and a new trial was ordered. The appeals court ruled that Ziglar's estranged wife was forced to testify against him.

The case was retried (second trial) in December of 1994 and the jury was unable to reach a verdict, thus causing a mistrial to be declared.

On Friday afternoon, May 10, 1996, Owen Ziglar's third trial ended in a hung jury with a mistrial being declared by Circuit Judge William "Bill" Barr late in the afternoon.

Prior to the start of the fourth trial, District Attorney Fuller stated that regardless of the outcome, it would be the final trial.



BARRIER GATE INSTALLED... A barrier gate was recently installed on the road connecting the Elba City Schools' Complex to the Taylor Mill Road. According to Superintendent Charles Pearce, beginning October 1, the gate will remain open except during the in-school hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. During this time period, the gate will be locked allowing visitors to only enter through the main entrance off AL Hwy. 166 (old U. S. Hwy. 84W). Should this locking procedure/schedule change, students and staff will be notified as well as the general public.

Elba W&E Board told cost totals more than charges

by **Ferrin Cox** - Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board members heard Chairman Tim Johnson report that the pumping and delivery of water continues to cost more than the total charged for the services.

According to Johnson, Elba water rates tend to become losers for the utility as the volume of use increases and the per gallon rate drops.

He and Superintendent James Grimes report that the commercial rates seem to be the most out of line. The 15 or 16 largest volume commercial accounts are costing the utility about $7,360.48 a month more than they are generating, according to Grimes.

The board asked for some additional breakdowns on cost to be presented at the next meeting.

The utility approved the adding of water lines to accommodate three additional rural water customers.

Johnson recommended approval of the proposed operating budget for 1997-98 with an agreement for an open discussion and a chance to amend it at the next meeting, after board members have had a chance to review the numbers. The chairman called it a "bare bones budget" which does not include a cost of living raise for employees. It anticipates total revenue of $1,716,500 for the year. The budget was approved unanimously.

Grimes reported that the cost of electricity has been increased 1.6% for the months of August through December. This is in addition to the discontinuance of a monthly discount which had been in place for several years. He said efforts were being made to not increase retail rates unless this temporary rate jump is made permanent by the wholesale supplier.

*** *NOTICE* ***
At this time, there are NO SOLICITATIONS being made by the Elba D.A.R.E Program in Elba. Any and all monetary solicitations for this program will be made in person by D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair.

Driver information protected by law

The federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act is designed to protect the privacy of individuals' personal information by redefining access to such information included in certain public records. The law became effective Saturday, September 13, 1997.

Under the new law, personal information means information that identifies an individual, including an individual's photograph, Social Security number, driver license number, name, address (excluding the five-digit zip code), telephone number, and medical or disability information.

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Local school boards to receive training on holding disciplinary hearings

The Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) is conducting a series of meetings throughout the state to train local school board members on how to hold student disciplinary hearings.

The meetings are being held during the months of September and October at key locations in the state.

School boards take on a quasi-judicial [having to do with powers that are to some extent judicial] role when considering disciplinary actions against students.

Using a videotape of a model hearing by a panel of veteran school board members and superintendents, AABS Executive Director Dr. Sandra Simms-deGraffenried will walk participants through the process of rendering fair and proper decisions in such hearings.

With a fictitious expulsion hearing for a student accused of violating her school's no-alcohol policy and whose possible college scholarship could be jeopardized as a result, AASB will present situations school boards encounter in their quasi-judicial capacity.

A meeting will be held in each of the AASB's nine districts. The local school boards (Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County Boards of Educations) will attend a session at the Holiday Inn in Ozark, AL on Monday, October 6.

Elba man designs new type airship

Best known by the Goodyear blimps and the giant Zeppelins of the 1930's, airships are making a come back for advertising and sightseeing.

Airship design has been the hobby of Jesse Blenn of Elba for the past ten years. In June of last year he formed UPship Corporation to launch a new and improved type of airship.

Jesse is the engineer who has done the majority of the mechanical and electrical work in the restoration of the hydroelectric powerplant on the Pea River south of Elba. This is now selling power after 31 years off the grid.

Jesse claims that the biggest advantage of his design is improved control which will eliminate the normally large ground crew of two to three on the ground for each person in the air. He plans to do this by a thruster system using a nose motor to push his 'ship up, down, right, left, or backwards, plus some innovations in landing systems.

This will also give a controlled hover and thus a much more useful airship for scientific, sightseeing, and rescue work. For added safety three helium cells will be used in place of the usual one. It will also be the most aerodynamic airship ever built, with good fuel economy and also easier handling. Two patents are pending, with more planned.

Airships are a high-dollar business, with leases from $5000 to $15,000 per day and selling prices from $500,000 (two seat) to over five million dollars.

According to the UPship business plan, the UPship 100 series will sell for $300,000 or less and can lease for $2000 per day or less and still give investors a 40-50 percent profit.

Jesse sees a very positive impact on the local economy and skilled job market, plus a growing market of at least hundreds of airships. The main market is advertising and tourism in developed countries, plus eventually general transport in developing countries.

Plans are to start with a "small" two-place airship. At 105 feet long and 21 feet diameter this slender airship will have nearly half the length of the Goodyear blimps and 1/7 that of the huge Zeppelins.

The empty weight is planned un-

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RECEPTION
The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a reception honoring Ms. Alberta Martin on Friday, September 26, 1997, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at Taylor Mill Oaks, 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, AL. The public is cordially invited to come and visit with Ms. Martin, the last known surviving widow of a Confederate soldier.

Alabama DOT announces Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) recently announced the availability of the Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment.

The ALDOT will be accepting comments on the draft STIP through October 2, 1997.

The draft STIP consists of a listing of projects where some phase of work is expected to be initiated during the five year period October 1, 1997 through September 30, 2002. The STIP will be updated every two years.

The STIP is financially balanced in that the proposed expenditures do not exceed the anticipated federal aid revenues.

Copies of the draft STIP can be reviewed at the following locations:

Alabama department of Transportation's Seventh Division Office, Highway 87 South, Troy, Alabama; and City of Dothan offices, 126 North Saint Andrews Street, Dothan, AL.

Any questions concerning the STIP may be directed to Ronnie Baldwin at the Department's Seventh Division Office (334)670-2424.

Persons with disabilities who may need special accommodations to review the draft STIP should contact the Alabama Department of Transportation Office at (334)670-2424 at least one week in advance.

LOTS OF GLASSES...Recently, the Elba Lion Club's eyeglass collection box located at the Elba Police Department yielded more than 150 pairs of old used eyeglasses. Pictured above are Lions Richard Patterson (left) and Mark Coleman preparing to sort through the glasses and send them to the University of Alabama - Birmingham School of Optometry. There volunteer students will check the prescription of the lenses, recondition the frames and then send or take them to areas (in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country) where they are most needed. The collection box is being reconditioned by Lions and will soon be back at its location in front of the Elba Police Department. Save those old glasses and place them in the box.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES The Elba Tigers travel to Georgiana - kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels play host to G. W. Long - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; New Brockton Gamecocks are on the road against Straughn with game time set at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs are at home against Florala with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs are at home against Goshen - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

JAIL RESTORATION PROJECT Brick pavers to be used in the walkway and court yard of the old jail may now be purchased. The brick can have up to three (3) lines of engraved print with each line limited to fourteen (14) letters. Send name and information to go on the brick with a check for $35.00 for each brick. Checks should be made payable to Jail Restoration Project, Elba Chamber of Commerce, and mail to 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334)897-3125.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULED New Brockton High School will have homecoming September 26, 1997. The day's activities will begin with a pep rally at 1:00 p.m. in the gym followed by a parade through downtown New Brockton at 2:15 p.m. The evening will conclude with the Gamecocks playing host to the Geneva Panthers at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact Amanda Thrasher at 894-2350 or 894-5434.

COFFEE ADC MEETING The Coffee County Unit of the Alabama democratic Conference will hold its annual fellowship dinner Saturday, September 20, at 7 p.m. at ESJC in Enterprise. Attorney Bryan A. Stevenson will be the speaker. For ticket information call Beatrice Brooks at 347-0918; Winzell Gray at 897-3299; Tommy Brooks at 897-5426; or any other ADC member

County Commission holds special called meeting

by **Marvin McIlwain** - Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a brief special called meeting to consider two items of business.

Commissioners approved the final plats on the Forehand and Sleepy Hollow subdivisions.

In an earlier meeting (June 23, 1997), the commission agreed to pave Co. Rd. 537 (VFW Road just off AL Hwy. 134) with Trinity Land Company providing the funds to do so.

Monday, Trinity provided the county with the proper paperwork (letter of credit and bond) insuring the availability of the funds to pave the road. Commissioners voted to send out bids on the project.

The commission adjourned their meeting until next Monday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m..

NEWS BRIEFS

Shortly before 1 a.m. Monday morning officials at the Elba Work Release Center reported two inmates missing. Elba police received the call at 12:52 a.m. that two white males, Tony Eagan, 20, and Jeffery Parrett, 21, were missing. Police immediately notified the owner of a used car lot (Marlin Lambert) near the facility and requested that he come check and see if any of his vehicles were missing. Lambert reported that a 1993 Ford Escort, gray in color, was unaccounted for. Eagan is serving time for theft of property and Parret was convicted of forgery. Both are from Houston County. At press time neither of the inmates had been captured.

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Shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday, an unidentified man was reported shot at some chicken houses just west of Kinston, AL just inside the Covington County line. Details were sketchy at press time. The victim was taken to Opp Mizell Memorial Hospital . His condition was unknown. The incident is being investigated by the Covington County Sheriff's Department assisted by the Kinston and Opp police departments. Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies also responded to the scene to assist.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A tidbit for our deep thinking philosopher friends crossed the desk this week. It is copied, but from what we don't know. Anyway, it points out that cleaning something always gets something else dirty but you can get something dirty without something getting clean. There may be a message in that, we don't know, but some great thinker probably felt it was a good day's work when he or she penned it.

The Alabama Legislature did get out both an Education budget and a General Fund budget during this recent special session. Of course they only had one day to spare when the last one finally passed, but they did it. It has gotten to a point when even us die hard followers of the legislative process are not real sure what has just happened when budgets are passed at the last minute. In the coming weeks and months, the nasty truth will filter out to the branch heads.

The City of Newton continues to make the headlines as waring factions on the city government are apparently letting their personal differences control their official decisions. Mind you … we are not laughing, just saying a little prayer of thankfulness because it isn't Elba in the news.

The Elba city government held the announced public hearing on the proposed $2 million plus proposed sewer upgrade project Monday night and there were eleven of us with them, including a husband and wife team. You could make that ten, because yours truly has heard the same reports every time the engineer has been here in the past four or five years. It really bothers us, even though it is nothing new, that more citizens don't care enough to even attend the meetings. If this sewer project is approved, utility users will be paying for it for the next 40 years, and that is a long, long time. The meeting did produce a couple of informative and important bits of information from citizens, which will impact the final outcome of the project. It probably will not get a Riverview resident the fully lighted Washington Avenue (the one way back road) he wanted, but maybe it will get more homes on the public sewer system. All that aside, we salute the efforts of our elected officials to give the public a chance to have input into the project.

The con artists of the 1970's were famous for their selling of earthworm farms in get-rich-quick schemes. The cons are still here in the late 1990's, but some folks are making a bunch of money with the worms, or more accurately with the casings, or excrement, after the worms have eaten newspapers, food scraps, etc. We wish them continued prosperity with their garbage eating worms, but don't look for us going into competition with them any time soon.

Monday night, about 10:15, we walked outside and were awed by the cool air, the clear sky and the beautiful moon. The temptation was to just sit down and soak up the beauty we had found. The cool air is a sure sign that fall will be here before some folks are ready for it.

One day recently, while crossing the river bridge on U. S. 84, we looked up toward the Whitewater bridge and saw a woman walking right down the middle of the river, just below where Whitewater joins the Mighty Pea. We regret not having a camera along to snap a picture of that … it was a "good" sight and also would have emphasized exactly how dry it is in South Alabama right now.

LAW

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Under the Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA), personal information does not include information on vehicular accidents, driving viplations and driver's status.

In implementing the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has chosen the opt-out system, which authorizes DPS to continue to disclose personal information on individuals who do not ask that their personal information remain confidential.

Even if an individual requests that access to his or her records be restricted, those records still will be provided as authorized by law. For example, access will be provided to law enforcement and government agencies, insurance companies, and any requester who has the written permission of the individual.

Driver license status and information on traffic violations and accident remain public information .

Those requesting a driver's record must provide the following personal information regarding the driver: driver's name, date of birth, and driver license number. DPPA allows Public Safety to verify such personal information provided regarding a licensed driver. No address will be included on the motor vehicle record.

Drivers may choose to restrict disclosure or personal information by filling out a form indicating their preference. This form will be available at driver license, probate judge and license commissioners offices throughout the state within the next two weeks.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 8 Thru SEPTEMBER 14, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 8, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one fraud, one runaway juvenile, two thefts of property, one criminal trespass, four assaults, one missing person, one property damage, one stalking, one burglary, and one crimnal mischief.

Arrests made during the week include: one for VPL and one for menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for speeding, one for driving without a license, and two for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - River stage - 2.87 feet (6:18 a.m.); Fire reported at the Elba Pallet Mill located at Danley Crossroads (2:40 p.m.); Fire units dispatched to Elba Pallet Mill fire from Elba, Opp, Brantley, Zion Chapel, Ino, Bullock, and Alabama Forestry Department (2:50 p.m.); Rescues units from Elba, Opp , and Brantley dispatched to standby at fire (3:22 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 460 (3:51 p.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 87N (11:36 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - River stage - 1.86 feet (6:16 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Wayne St. (8:03 a.m.); Alarm at the Elba Adult Day Care (3:02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - River stage - 2.97 feet (6:49 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - River stage - 2.01 feet (6:01 a.m.); Individual reported with a gun at Razoo's (1:17 p.m.); Prowler reported on Moore St. (9:52 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - River stage - 2.91 feet (6:14 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the Big Bear parking lot (8:32 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84W (6:33 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to the wreck on U. S. Hwy. 84W (6:33 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a vehicle fire on AL Hwy. 189S (7:26 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at Elba High School (9:47 p.m.); Fight reported in Mulberry Heights Community (10:13 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to scene of fight in Mulberry Heights (10:15 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - Fight reported at Tootle Bug's (12:23 a.m.); Fight reported on Adams St. (12:31 a.m.); Fight reported at Regency Apts. (4:07 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle/deer) reported on Co. Rd. 215 (4:19 a.m.); Gunshots reported on Plant Ave. (5:14 a.m.); (River stage - 2.18 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (7:26 a.m.); Fight reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (1:57 p.m.) Gunshots reported in Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (10:42 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - River stage - 1.85 feet (6:30 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a storge building fire on Co. Rd. 404 (10:07 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to standby at fire on Co. Rd. 404 (10:08 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167N and Co. Rd. 114 (7:16 p.m.).

SHIP

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der 750 pounds and it will use three small 24 horsepower engines. Two of these can push it to a top speed near 70 mph and it will cruise at 45 mph on 1/4 power for up to 12 hours, giving 28 miles per gallon. The third engine gives the low speed control.

Construction is planned near Elba, with EJM Aerospace Services of Crestview, Fla., doing FAA certification work. Jesse hopes to begin construction next year, with completion in 2000.

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MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 9, 1997 through September 15, 1997. They were: Vinson Hammonds, Christine Bradley, Mary Brown, Mary Blue, Trudie Jackson, Clarence Taylor, Garret Bowers, Minnie Matthews. Allen Johnson, Gerald Shelton, Bonnie Dean, Annise Coleman, Fannie Mitchell, Nina Allen, Acie McKenzie, Michael Price, Gladys Brooks, C. A. Slawson, Gertrude Ennis, Judy Jarman, Marquise Neal, Hilda Rhodes, Patricia Richards, Opal Westbrook, Zeb Scott, Terance Lamb, Carolyn Hudson, and Annie Burch.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Susan Parker, Allen Johnson, Daisey Rhodes, Edwin Kelley, Sherry Soars, Garret Bowers, Christine Bradley, Essie Baldwin, Vinson Hammonds, Fannie Mitchell, Bonnie Dean. Mary Blue, Trudie Jackson, Gladys Brooks, Nina Allen, Minnie Matthews, Judy Johnson, Marquise Neal, C. A. Slawson, Hilda Rhodes, and Acie McKenzie.

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Parents Know Better Than DC Bureaucrats

As millions of families all over the nation gear up for another school year, lawmakers here in Washington are searching for new and better ways to improve the quality of education for our children.

Unlike the past where federal bureaucrats have attempted to impose education solutions from above, today lawmakers realize that the best ideas and choices must reside with parents and local school officials.

Real and meaningful education reforms should help parents gain more control over their children's education, not take it away. Through the recently enacted Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Congress voted to make college more affordable by offering a number of tax incentives that give parents and students more financial freedom. But we can do more. That's why Congress is now looking at ways to help parents more easily afford kindergarten through high school expenses for their children.

New legislation has been introduced in both Houses of Congress which would establish new (K-12) education savings accounts, also known as A-Plus accounts.

Under this new legislation, parents, grandparents or scholarship sponsors could put as much as $2,000 of their own money after taxes each year for each child into one of these new education savings accounts for future education costs.

These after-tax dollars would earn a tax-free rate, and families could use the money for expenses such as tutoring, equipment, transportation or tuition, associated with any school — private, public or sectarian. Interest and withdrawals are tax free for education expenses.

The new education savings accounts are especially designed to provide more financial freedom for middle and low income families in obtaining the best education for their child's needs. And to help low-income children, anyone can contribute to a child's account, making it a perfect vehicle for scholarship and charitable efforts.

An August Gallup Poll showed that 55 percent of public school parents support proposals that would give them the freedom to send their children to any public, private or religious school of their choice. And a June poll conducted for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies revealed that 57 percent of African-Americans and 65 percent of Hispanics support parental choice.

Freedom and choice is what this new education scholarship legislation is all about. It will enable parents to get a break for the necessities of preparing their children for school, getting them there or helping them succeed. It is a reward for family involvement in a child's learning experience.

Unlike the college education tax breaks in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the new education savings accounts are not yet law. In fact, this new legislation was just introduced a month and a half ago. It represents a new and positive way of thinking in Washington; the idea that big government is not the answer for improving education.

Parents and local officials hold the key to educating our country's future and it's time Washington stopped blocking the way.

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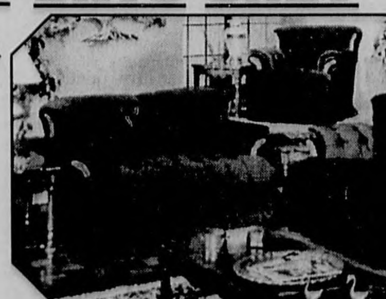

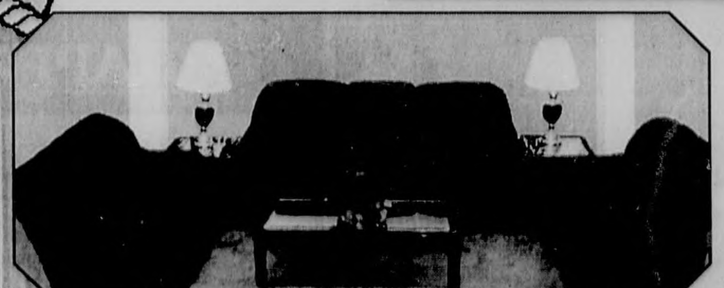

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WE GET LETTERS............

Dear Marvin,

This letter is to let you and other members of our great community know why Ray and I are no longer members of the Elba Rescue Squad.

We both received letters of termination today stating it was for the best interest of the squad to terminate us since we were both unable to commit to the same schedule that we both have run for over six years or more.

We told the squad last week that due to other obligations (family and jobs) we would only be available for 24 hours per month for the next three months.

It was decided by the board of directors, per our letters, that those were not enough hours to "volunteer," even though we are both National Registry EMT's. I am a Basic Emergency Medical Technician and Ray is an Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician and is scheduled to complete Paramedic in April of '98.

We were both hurt and disappointed that a few members have decided that you, the public, don't need the quality skills and training that we both have offered to the squad.

We both realize what a workload the other members are having to carry, as we have both been in their shoes before; and therefore we do not understand where refusing our offer for some relief, although limited, will be of any benefit to anyone.

We both have enjoyed working with and around our many friends and neighbors in the coverage area of the squad and hope that the decision the board made for the rest of the remaining squad members will be in the best interest of those of us who rely on 911 for our emergency ambulance needs.

During the combined 12 years of service to our community, we have answered many rescue calls, and if we answered your call for help and have somehow touched your life, eased your fears, or been there just to hold your hand and offer some comfort, we have done what we intended to do - help our fellowman.

Thank you for all your support in the past, and for allowing us to be a part of your community. If we can still be of help to anyone, please call us.

Sincerely,
/s/ Ray and Faye Kyle
987 Johnson St.
Elba, AL 36323
334/897-5851
Sept. 4, 1997

Dear Ferrin,

I agreed with your comments recently when the flag was taken from Veterans Park.

I wish to cite another example of such lowlife characters - those who *stole* the memorial cups on display at Hardee's in honor of deceased coffee club members.

Ms. Jane Wyatt, manager, and Hardees Coffee Club members contributed donations to have these cups decorated and labeled as remembrances to each honoree's absence. Their friendship and presence are greatly missed by their circle of friends at Hardee's.

Several months ago, the cup of Douglas Gibbs was stolen and was replaced by club members. Recently that of Cecil Wicker was stolen. This can be a very expensive project if they have to continue being replaced.

It is hard for me to comprehend such disrespect that some people have for the good endeavors of others.

Thanks for listening.
Syble Hahn
897-6982

Dear Marvin,

This letter is to inform the citizens of Elba and the surrounding communities of the recent organizational changes of the Elba Rescue Squad.

The Elba Rescue Squad has recently undergone some organizational changes in hopes of providing better service to the areas that we serve.

We have been informed by city officials that we are going to have to compete with the competition that currently operates in the city. In order to prepare ourselves to compete, we have to have members who are dedicated and committed to making runs. We have to be able to provide a crew ready to respond to calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Not having the commitment necessary at the present time to provide this needed service, we have undergone the process of terminating some members who were less dedicated and committed than others. This process has been for the benefit of the squad and for you, the citizens we serve.

We are a volunteer organization comprised of citizens of this city and the surrounding communities. We perform these duties solely to benefit you. We do charge a lesser rate than our competition for the services that we provide. These charges are to cover expenses of equipment, the insurance we have to carry, the ambulances we have to maintain, and the supplies we have to purchase in order to provide the best possible medical care.

We are volunteers who care and hope you will continue to show your much-needed and appreciated support in the future as you have done in the past.

We encourage anyone to join us who has the dedication and time to help the Rescue Squad achieve its goal in providing the best possible care.

Remember when you dial 911, ask for Elba Rescue Squad, volunteers who care and who are willing to serve you.

Thank You,
The Elba Rescue Squad
Board of Directors
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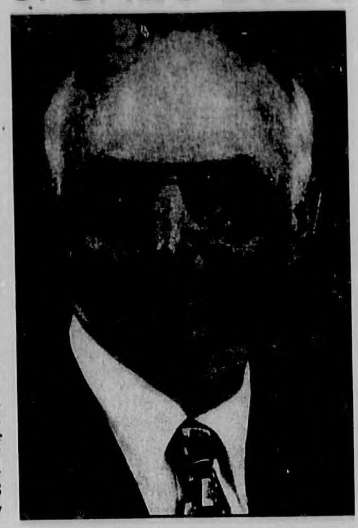
Glenn Reeder is new member of SAEC Board



Glenn Reeder

Glenn Reeder has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of South Alabama Electric Cooperative, as representative of District 7, due to the retirement of Marion Sanders.

Reeder's experience includes 23 years in the Army, civil service at Ft. Rucker, service as an educator and a Gideon.

Reeder's work in the Army, where he retired as a lieutenant colonel, includes that of development specialist for communities, working with local governments .... to stabilize their economy, create a school system and help increase commerce.

"I have known Marion Sanders for many years," said Reeder. "He is a man of integrity and a great visionary for community affairs. To take his place is a great honor, but to replace him is a monumental, never-ending task.

"I appreciate the confidence and trust the cooperative has shown in me."

"We are confident of Mr. Reeder's ability to represent the members of District 7," Board President Robert Barbaree said.

"He brings a great deal of administrative and business experience to our board, and we are looking forward to continuing to meet the needs of our members."

Jimmy Baker to speak at Coffee County Republican meeting

The Coffee County Republican Committee meets today (Thursday, Sept. 18) at 7 p.m. at PoFolk's Restaurant in Enterprise.

Speaker will be Jimmy H. Baker, Deputy State Supt. of Education, Administration and Finance.

Mr. Baker is a former Superintendent of Education for the Coffee County School System and the City of Daleville.

He has also served as chairman of the state tenure and state textbook committees, and president of the Alabama Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Baker is a native of Coffee County, being reared in New Brockton. He is married to the former Joy Ivey and has two daughters, Mrs. Kim Ellis and Ms. Ivey Baker.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Share Your Views

Write a Letter to The Editor!

AREA DEATHS

IDA PHILLIPS

Mrs. Ida Phillips, age 100, of Stuart, Fla., (formerly of Elba), died Aug. 23, 1997.

Funeral services were held Aug. 30, 1997, at 11 a.m at the Church of God By Faith, Stuart, Fla., with Elder David L. Lewis, pastor and Minister Garrick Lewis Sr. officiating.

Burial was in Fernhill Memorial Gardens, with Funerals by Coleman, Stuart, Fla., directing.

Surviv ors include: two **sons:** J.C. Anderson, Glenham, N.Y., and Billie Joe Anderson, Middletown, N.Y.; two **daughters:** Annie Bell Flournoy, Stuart, Fla., and Sarah Huntley, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Minnie Anderson, Glenham, N.Y.; son-in-law Simeon Huntley, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; one **sister:** Vick E. Watson, Stuart, Fla.; one **granddaughter:** Christine Willingham, Stuart, Fla.; 25 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, 44 great-great-grandchildren, host of other relatives.

JEAN BRUNSON

Mrs. Fox H. Brunson Jr. (Jean) died at her home in Mobile on Sept. 11, 1997.

Burial was in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, beside her husband, on Sept. 15, 1997, and was followed by a memorial service at the First Baptist Church of Mobile, Dr. James F. Walters officiating.

Born Jean Marie Rousselle, she was the daughter of the late John Wesley and Myra Rousselle of Mobile.

She was the wife of the late Fox Henry Brunson Jr. of Elba, and the daughter-in-law of the late Fox H. and Mary Bailey Brunson.

Her brother-in-law and sister-in-law are Marion Bailey Brunson Sr. and Nancy Cowart Brunson of Elba.

Mrs. Brunson was an active member and longtime church secretary of First Baptist Church of Mobile. She was a member of Murphy High School class of 1948, in Mobile; and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at The University of Alabama.

She was active in school organizations and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Brunson is survived by two **daughters:** Dr. Jeana Elizabeth Brunson, Tallahassee, Fla., and Deborah Lynn Brunson, Las Cruces, N.M.; two **sons:** Richard Henry Brunson, Mobile, and David Rousselle Brunson, Santuck, Ala.; three **grandchildren:** Emily Diane Brunson, Markus Fox Brunson and John Linville Brunson, and other relatives.

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Social and Community News

Montgomery Ballet to perform Nutcracker in December

The Montgomery Ballet will be in Ozark on Saturday, Dec. 13, to perform "The Nutcracker," with dancers from the Ozark area. Nichole Lisenby, director of the project, and Priscilla Crommelin-Ball will present the holiday classic.

Dancers will audition for roles in Act I and the Montgomery Ballet will perform Act II.

Open auditions will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Dance Center in Ozark. Dancers age 8 - 11 will audition from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and dancers age 12 and older will audition from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Dancers should attend auditions prepared to take a ballet class and to learn center floor combinations. Auditons will be judged by dance professionals who live outside the Ozark area.

The presentation will benefit Flowers Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information call Nicole Lisenby at 334/774-8270.

Acorn Festival to be held in Henderson to benefit Children's Hospital

The cross-county TWIGS will sponsor the Autumn Acorn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the old schoolhouse in Henderson, Ala.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

The opening ceremony at 9:30 will honor this year's Spotlight Child, and the elementary and high school Students of the Year.

The Spotlight award recognizes a child who has been associated with the Children's Hospital and who has overcome a major obstacle or made a major accomplishment.

The Spotlight award this year is in memory of Eric Casey, a former TWIGS Spotlight Child.

Students of the Year are selected from nominations made by teachers in area elementary and high schools.

Events will include a Mr. and Miss Autumn Acorn "Country" Pageant, children's games and activities, arts and crafts booths, a coloring contest, pie eating contest at 4 p.m., horse and buggy rides, petting zoo, and cake walk.

There will also be an auction, line dancers, a performance of "Down by the Creek Bank" by the youth of Henderson Baptist Church, gospel singing, and other musical entertainment, including a concert by gospel groups Charisma and Majesty

Admission to the festival during the day is $2,00 for adults; children under 12 admitted free.

Admission to the gospel concert at 5 p.m. is $3.00 for adults, children under 12 free.

According to a TWIGS spokeswoman, 516 infants and children from Coffee County were admitted to Children's Hospital in 1996; 336 from Pike County and 127 from Crenshaw County.

"We do not turn anyone away; we accept all sick and injured children who are brought to our door," explained Diane Black of the Media Relations Dept. at Children's Hospital.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Cross County TWIGS for the Children's Hospital may contact Ruth Walters at 566-8169.

Belchers observe fifty-fourth wedding anniversary recently

Belchers celebrate anniversary

Grover and Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elba, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Sunday evening, Sept. 14, in their home. Their anniversary date is Sept. 12.

Four of their nine children were with them for this grand occasion: Ernestine, Alan, Juanita and Evelyn. Also, grandchildren and great-grands.

Grover J. ("Mr. B"), Milton, Paul, Joyce and Warren were absent.

The telephone calls, cards and family and friends' well wishes made this day meaningful.

Their Golden (50th) Anniversary was celebrated with the renewing of their wedding vows at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church (old edifice), Elba, with Rev. Freddy Flowers officiating the ceremony. He is pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, Elba.

Grover and Eria say, "We can't pay the Lord for all these blessings, but we can and do say, "Thank you, "Sir.'"

For Mom and Dad on their Anniversary:

Mom -
Because of special things you are
And special things you do,
It isn't hard to see just why
Dad fell in love with you.
Dad -
And it's no wonder, either
That your family's love just grows,
For the dearest man in all the world
Is the special one Mom chose.
(Their children)

Heather Stinson receives degree from U of A

Heather Lee Stinson of Elba received a BAC degree from the University of Alabama during commencement services held Aug. 15 on the Tuscaloosa campus.

The University awarded over 1,000 degrees during the commencement exercises.

TSU announces Summer Graduates

Area students receiving degrees during Troy State University's summer commencement services on Aug. 8 included:

Bachelor's Degrees:
Elba: Tamela Calhoun Childs - Rehabilitation and Mark Wesley Moseley - Studio Art
Jack: Teresa Dunn Ward - Elementary Education
Master's Degree:
Elba : Martha Holt Coleman - Elementary Education

Michael Warren Jr., president and CEO for Energen Corporation, was guest speaker at the ceremony.

ESJC lists honor students

Enterprise State Junior College has announced summer honor rolls, and area students receiving recognition include:

President's List:
New Brockton - Melissa J. Dunn and Larry Richardson
Jack - John P. Parish
Dean's List:
Elba - Mary M. Jacobs

The President's List recognizes students with grade point averages of 4.00 during the quarter.

The Dean's List honors students earning a 3.50 GPA during the quarter.

Leah Crowe graduates from Auburn University

Auburn University awarded 1,035 degrees during summer quarter commencement ceremonies at Beard-Eaves Memorial Colisum on Aug. 29, and receiving a Bachelor's degree was **Leah A. Crowe** of Elba.

Grimes Family Reunion to be held October 5th

The families of Jim and Fannie Grimes Wilson will host the annual Grimes reunion on Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Jeffcoat Bldg., Opp Micolas Mills Recreation Center in Opp, beginning at 11 a.m., with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Christine Wilson Knudson, Alexandria, Va., will present some interesting Grimes/Tillis family history at the reunion.

The reunion is held the first Sunday in October each year to commemorate the birthday of Malissa Tillis Grimes, wife of James Shorter Grimes.

For more information contact Nell Wilson Gilmer, 493-2182 or Linda Cannon Westbrook, 897-5565.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Rev. 2:1-29 - 3:1-22

*****Thinking of you, praying for you:** the Jones family, the Belcher family, the Johnson family, the Huntley family, Versie Barnes, Lovie Hooks, Johnny B. Johnson, Johnnie Hall, Will Hall, Vera Williams, Hannah Coleman, Princell Kelley.

***September birthdays and wedding anniversaries:
Patricia Carpenter - Sept. 9
R.C. Carpenter - Sept. 13
Annie L. Williams - Sept. 14
Michael Terrell - Sept. 14
Mary Bell - Sept. 15
Sylvia Terrell - Sept. 18
Annie Pearl Carpenter - Sept. 22
Sam Terrell - Sept. 24
Derrick Duncan - Sept. 26
R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter Anniversary - Sept. 29

*****14th Pastor's Anniversary**
The Church of God by Faith, New Brockton will celebrate their pastor's 14th anniversary on Sept. 20-21.
Saturday night, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
M.C. - Bro. S. Caldwell
Devotional conducted by Bro. Snow. Sis. Tabatha King will give the welcome. The Singing Echoes will render music along with the Redeems and Zionettes. The speaker will be Elder Earnest Griggs.
Sunday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m
Speaker will be Elder Willie F. Britt.
Everyone is invited to attend these services. Elder Roy Lee McKinney is pastor.

*****Choir Anniversary**
The Macedonia Baptist Church, Lockhart, will celebrate their Junior and Senior Choirs anniversary Saturday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2:30 p.m.
For more information contact Eloise W. Judson, 334/858-3591
Eloise W. Judson, president
Rev.W.M. Daniels, pastor

*****Annual Session**
The annual session of the Mulberry Matron Dept. and Auxiliary of the Mulbery Women's Dept. will convene Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mulberry Educational Bldg., Hwy. 166, Elba.
Sis. Gladys Yelverton, president

*****14th Pastor's Anniversary**
The 14th anniversary of Rev. A.R. Williams and family will be held Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba.
Theme: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the Word and doctrine - - - The laborer is worthy of his reward. I Tim. 5:17, 18.
Program
Devotional Service
Welcome Address - Sis. Deborah Hooks
Occasion by Sis. Diann Carter
The choir will render music. Recitation by Sis. Marietta Carpenter
Family Tribute - Keitha, Chastity, LaRay and Bretta.
Reading inspiration by Lance Cross. Expressions. Offering. Pulpit in Charge. Presentations. Presenting the honoree. Announcements, remarks, benediction.

*****Attention!**
There will be an appreciation honoring Mother Mary Bell Belcher, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. at Holy Tabernacle Church, Andalusia, Elder Joe A. Curry, pastor.

***Today is a good day! Be grateful! Eria

Youth Explosion to be held at Harris Temple Saturday

The annual Youth Explosion of the Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. Youth Dept. will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21.

A banquet will be held Saturday afternoon 5 - 7 p.m. at the New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. in Shiloh Community.

The event will conclude on Sunday night with a youth service at Harris Temple Church.

All area youths and youth leaders are invited.

For information concerning tickets to attend the banquet contact Sis. Sonia Ellison 393-2169, or any youth or member of Harris Temple Church.

Mustard Seed Foundation seniors meets

The Mustard Seed Foundation seniors met for a time of fellowship, games, songs and lunch.

Those present were Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Sis Wambles, Margie Smith, Evelyn Smith, Zealon Smith, Pauline Wood, Johnnie Hall, Linnie McCollough, Frank McCollough, Talathia Nichols and Kriste Arms.

Some members were absent due to illness.

The seniors invite others to join them each Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Foundation fellowship hall, located in the Victoria Community on Coffee County Rd. 211.

For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

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The Telestials

Telestials to appear at Love's Way Church

The Telestials, from Nashville, Tenn., will be featured singers at Love's Way Church on Friday, Sept. 26. The singing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Love's Way Church is located three miles west of Enterprise on Hwy. 134 (Damascus Rd.), next to Covington Electric Co-op.

For more information call 334/393-6731 or 393-2427.

Enterprise Church of God to have homecoming

Enterprise Church of God will have Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Morning services will include Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 10:45 with Pastor Rick Hand.

Those attending should bring covered dishes for lunch after the services.

There will be special music at 1:30 with *Rapture*.

The church is located at 1303 East Park Ave. in Enterprise.

Friendship Baptist Church to have homecoming

Friendship Baptist Church, in the Bullock Community, will have Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 21. Rev. Bobby Powell will be guest speaker.

Pastor Randall Pearson and the congregation of the church welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Regular morning services will be observed and lunch will be served at the noon hour.

Mustard Seed Foundation to have Gospel Singing

There will be a Gospel Sing at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church on Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured group will be the New Covenant Singers from Samson.

Everyone is welcome. The church is located on Coffee County Rd. 211 in the Victoria Community.

Gospel Singing to be held at Andalusia Kiwanis Community Building

A free Gospel Singing will beheld at the Andalusia Kiwanis Community Building, Southern Bypass, on Thursday night, Oct. 2, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Featured groups will include *The Branchmen, Resting Place* and *Celebration*.

Everyone is invited and admission is free.

For more information contact Don Cotton at 334/222-6120.

Wiregrass Women's Conference to be held in Samson

The first annual Wiregrass Women's Conference will be held in Samson at the New Life Worship Center, 204 S. Magnolia St., on Sept. 26 and 27.

Friday evening's services will begin at 7.

Saturday's services will include Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m., morning service at 10:30, lunch (individual) and afternoon service at 2:30 p.m.

Leader and speaker at each service will be Evangelist Janet German of Geneva. Music will be presented by Tammy Kirkland, Lynn Haven, Fla.; and praise and worship by special guest, Valarie Thomas of Warner Robins, Ga.

For more information contact Glenda Stafford 850/956-4287; Vikki Joyner - 334/898-7931; Noreen Knowles - 334/898-2160; or Francis Mathis 334/684-9094.

PASTOR'S CORNER
Rev. Eugene Johnson
Associate Minister
HARRIS TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

Build on a sure foundation

Matt. 7:24-27

Our lesson text focuses on two different people. One is addressed as being wise, while the other is seen as a fool. The text is quick to point out that a wise builder looks for a sure foundation on which to build. He is mindful that he needs ground that is secure and stable, able to stand the test of time. His reputation rests on the fact that he can measure the shift of the earth and the pressure per square inch. Just as this earthly builder of majestic structures can ascertain the probabilities in our earthly structures, Jesus, in every situation, is that sure Foundation upon which we must build.

We are now living in perilous times, a time when our spirituality is being tested on every side. We must be sure of the kind of foundation we select to build on and the kind of relationship we are developing with God. As we intend for our secular projects to have stability, longevity and strength, so that they can weather the storms of life, we must be doubly certain to build our spiritual lives on a sure foundation. Christ is that sure Foundation - a Bedrock, stable and secure.

Listen to the words of Jesus: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock." I want to stir your minds just a little bit by informing you that to BELIEVE about Jesus is not enough; we MUST believe IN Him and put our faith into practice. If we want to be considered as wise builders, we must not only listen to the Word of God, we must obey the Word of God. We must strive to live with an unbroken unity and fellowship with God and our fellowman. Jesus is the foundation we must build on. In this foundation there are no vacuums, no sink holes, just a solid rock anchored by God. The chorus of this song can well be our theme: "On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand."

On Christ the sure Foundation we are ready to build a structure of Godly and holy living which shall grow into a Holy Temple in the Lord. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of God?" And it must be holy and acceptable for God's habitation.

Jesus is careful to inform us that those who hear His words and doeth them not are like the foolish man who built upon the sand. One day the rains came, the flood waters came in a turbulent rush, the stormy winds blew and beat upon his house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

When the storms of life come, we need a sure foundation, we need a solid rock. That Rock is Jesus. God in His wisdom has given us a sure foundation, and that foundation is His Precious Son, Jesus. Man cannot build anything of lasting quality without God's divine intervention. In the day we are living in, men have allowed Satan to come in and pollute their minds, building gods unto themselves, denying the sovereignty and power of God. But, rest assured, these idols are only temporary, deluding men's minds and leading them down the road of swift destruction.

The Apostle Paul embraces this theme in 1 Cor. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The songwriter supports this Gospel Truth in his words: "I'm working on a building, It's a sure foundation, I'm holding up the blood-stained banner for my Lord. I'll never get tired of working on the building, I'm going up to Heaven to get my reward."

A sure foundation is necessary for life in time and in eternity. We cannot please God with our carnal whims and earthly intellect, but only with humble hearts and a strong faith in God and His abilities to provide and protect us. Build your hopes on things eternal, build on Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

Brush Arbor Revival to be held at Abundant Life

There will be an old-fashioned Brush Arbor Revival at Abundant Life Emmanuel Holiness Church Sept. 21 - 26. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday ant 7 p.m. other days.

Guest speakers will include Revs. Elmer Ellis, Terry Marler, Paul Nelson, Michael Greer, Billy Marler and (Sis.) Frances Cook.

Everyone is invited, and asked to bring lawn chairs.

The church is located on Coffee County Rd. 114, one mile past Southland chicken plant.

Pastor of the church is Rev. Randy Hartley.

For more information call 897-3020 or 897-3778.

Cemetery working planned at Pleasant Ridge Church

A cemetery working at the Pleasant Ridge Church near Victoria is planned for Saturday, September 20th. Concerned persons are encouraged to attend, bring your tools and help get the cemetery grounds cleaned up for homecoming.

Homecoming is planned for Sunday, September 28th.

Revival Services will begin Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Buddy Hood, pastor of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church, Wicksburg, AL

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Sunday School ..... 10:00 am.
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Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Milton Harrington
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Eddie Bass
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 12:00noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donnie Marler
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER
Bible Study ..... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD Lamar Dean
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon ..... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. ..... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:50 a.m.
Even. Services ..... 6:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J. L. Grayer
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Totten
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherrer
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes-Pastor
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services ..... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Peterson
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W. K. Ellison
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. Marvin Ennis
Morning Worship ..... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Shirlie Ellis
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH - Frank Lowery
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Wesley D. Ard
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH - Garry Winstead
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Walter Faulk
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:15 p.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ..... 600 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Ron & Mary Stinson - Pastors
Saturday ..... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday ..... 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST - Greg Hanchey- Minister
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - J. R. Parks - Pastor
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Billy P. McCollough - Pastor
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS - Jimmy Bryan - Minister
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Richard Moss
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev Eddie Davis
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ..... 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION - Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services ..... 10:30 a.m
Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ..... 5:00 p.m

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. - Hirron, Linda Williams
Sunday ..... 10 & 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. ..... 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Even ..... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even. ..... 7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Culon Davis
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Ben McKee
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ..... 5:00 p.m
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST - Alfred Ikner
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m.
Wed Eve. Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Charlie Shields
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m
Prayer Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jack Wilkes
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed.Even. Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH J. C. Turner
Sunday School ..... 10.00a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 7:00p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Lorearl Flowers
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:30a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A .R. Williams
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon. ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. ..... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Ben Amlong
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Tony Dye
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. ..... 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ..... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST Seabren Wooten
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH- Raymond Miller
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Serv. ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Bennett Abbott
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sun.
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Keith Price
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15 13

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Excuses Excuses

A poll was taken to see what kind of excuses teachers are given by students. Either the students at Zion Chapel are not very creative, or the teachers don't remember the good ones. Fellow students, we have got to come up with some new ones because "my dog ate it," is getting kind of old and is very over-used.

"I didn't know we had homework" or "You didn't tell us to do that, did you?" just aren't going to cut it. The most logical excuse given seems to be "We're not supposed to work on Friday." This is a little better, but whoever is going to use it needs to be a little more convincing. I sure do seem to be having a lot of tests on Friday. I'm going to give everyone the benefit of the doubt and say that these were not our best excuses. But just in case you need a few, try the ones that follow.

Well you see, last night this giant space ship landed on the top of my house and the driver ordered me to give him my homework and all of my books. He/She/It seemed to be longing so very much for a little bit of learning that I just couldn't refuse.

I seem to suffer from a delusional illness that just happened to be affecting me yesterday in class. In my world, I was swimming in a Grecian ocean playing with the mer people. It wasn't until just now that I realized you assigned all the section review questions for homework.

You won't believe what happened to me last night! While doing the dishes I discovered this green glowing substance bubbling up from my sink. I called my mother's brother's wife's ex-fiance's sister-in-law's father who is the head of some government agency and within the hour I had the CIA, FBI, and some guy from NASA tearing my house apart. It was mighty disappointing when we realized that the green glowing substance was not a hazardous toxin sent to spread a killer virus throughout the United States, it wasn't even anything dangerous. Just some green stuff my younger sibling got out of the gumball machine at the store last week.

These are just a few creative excuses that might come in handy some day. Feel free to make up your own!

I Seen It... I Done It

by SaLena Shuman

Living in the south has its advantages: nice warm summers, neighbors who are known, and beaches that are only a few hours away. But there is a down side to everything. We also have intense humidity, quickly-circulated-seldom accurate-gossip, and misconceptions about inbreeding.

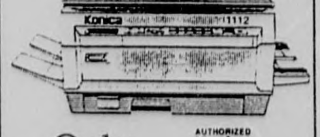
One of the elements that doesn't fall readily into either category is our infamous southern drawl. The dialect in which you speak is much like hair color. It doesn't lessen your intelligence, allow people to make instant judgments, or determine your future. What you say, however, can make all the difference in the world.

Making a good first impression at an interview or when you are first introduced to someone can improve your chances of getting the job or help shape a positive lasting impression. Double negatives, misuse of verbs, and using words that aren't really words (like "y'all", "ain't", and "gonna") are some popular habits at Zion Chapel High School.

It is very possible to give people the wrong idea with incorrect use of grammar. Not only does it affect people's concept of you, it also influences their opinion of whatever group you may be representing. One example is the story that has been told of a student who was representing their school in another, less southern state. Not only was their southern accent extremely obvious, but their inappropriate use of the verbs "to do" and "to see".

"I seen it last night." I done it this morning." These sentences are not uncommon. Unfortunately, they are not correct, either. The verb "to do" is properly conjugated "do, did, has or have done." The verb "to see" is properly conjugated "see, saw, has or have seen".

Y'all might want to keep this in mind.



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REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

FHA Elects 1997-98 Officers

The announcement that Amy Eddins would serve as the 1997-98 president of the Future Homemakers of America was made at the first meeting then the gavel was turned over to her.

The other officers announced at this first meeting were Vice President Amanda Sanders, Secretary/Treasurer Angie Laney, Reporter Ashley Nelson, Parliamentarian Beth Leverett, Historian Jill Jinright, and Recreational Leaders Kami Lott and Heather Arnold.

Another important item on the agenda was a discussion about attending the Agriculture Expo in Moultry, Georgia, in October. It was announced that only juniors and seniors would make the trip.

Angie Laney described her trip to the FHA national conference that was held in San Diego, California.

After the business meeting, members of the chapter enjoyed muffins, orange juice, and apple juice provided by Ms. Joan Hobbs, chapter sponsor.

Pictured above (l-r): seated - Amy Eddins, Amanda Sanders, Ashley Nelson, and Beth Leverett; standing - Jill Jinright, Heather Arnold, and Ms. Joan Hobbs.

Rebel New Briefs

SFRA HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The exciting events which happened during the summer months were the subjects of discussion during the first meeting of the Science Fiction Readers Association (SFRA).

Also on the agenda was a discussion of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Carl Sagan. Dr. Sagan was a writer of many books about space and the universe and the possibility of life on other planets.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLASS COLLECTS SEEDS

A collection of wild seeds is the current project for the students enrolled in the Environmental Science Class instructed by Mrs. Jackie Jinright.

Mrs. Jinright defines "wild seed" for this project as one that does not need human help to grow. The collection area is anywhere in the school community. Each seed must have some identification and the date of collection.

Mrs. Jinright said that she hopes that the outcome of this project will be that the students in the class learn to recognize different types of seed, the plants that produce them, and the means of circulation. The class members include ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students.

DONUT SALE TO BENEFIT BOYS BASKETBALL

The young men at Zion Chapel who are interested in playing basketball later in the year will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts on Friday, September 19, 1997. Coach Doug Branson will be supervising the sale.

The donuts will go on sale during the afternoon break and if any are left over, they will be sold at the football game that night.

Orders are being taken in advance. Each dozen will cost $2.50. The players will deliver any donuts that have been sold in advance; however, extras will be ordered.

The proceeds from the sale will aid in the purchase of basketball game shoes.

ZC BAND MEMBERS ATTEND TSU GAME

Bands from the area were invited to Troy State University to attend the game with Eastern Kentucky and several ZC band members chose to do so.

The band members attending the game got to see "The South of the South Marching Band" perform their halftime show. They stuck around and watched the post-game concert.

Troy State's music department offers tickets to a select number of bands. Some of the invited band members just might choose to attend Troy State and become members of the Sound of the South. ZC band members had the opportunity to socialize with their TSU student instructors from summer band camp.

BETA CLUB NEWS

A student must achieve academic excellence before being invited to join the Beta Club. However, the new rule has been adopted by the club. There will no longer be a grace period for those students who allow their grades to drop. In the past, students have been allowed a one-semester academic probation. After much thought and consideration this allowance has been terminated.

A fine has been added for non-performance in fulfilling community service duties.

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Williams & Clark attend Gilrs & Boys State

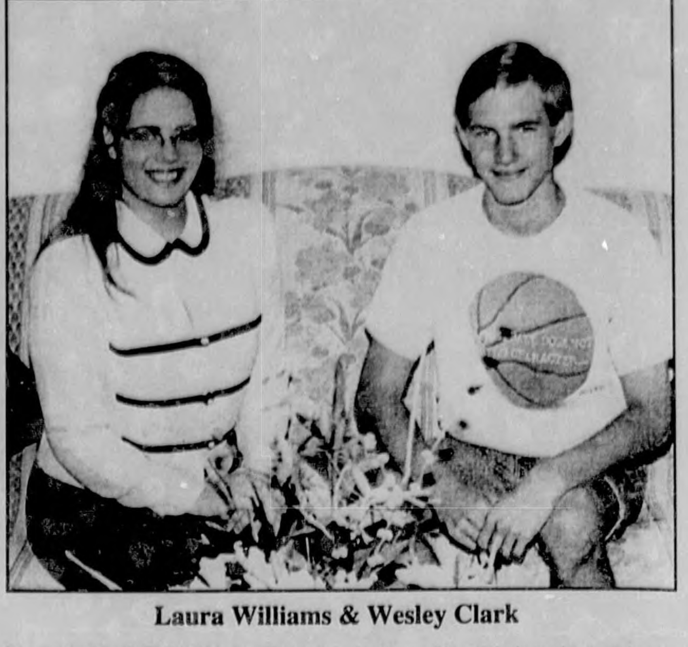
Laura Williams and Wesley Clark were chosen by a faculty vote to attend the summer sessions of Girls and Boys State. These week-long seminars are sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary in Elba. The Elba Legion is the Culver Post.

Laura's seminar was at Huntingdon College in Montgomery and she and approximately 320 other girls from across Alabama attended this conference centered around learning about the American government and how it works. The delegates were allowed hands-on experience in the governing and lawmaking process. Wesley's seminar was held at the University of Montevallo and it was centered around the same theme.

While at Girls State Laura was selected to be the only newspaper reporter for the city of Funkytown. She was also nominated for Supreme Court Chief Justice as a member of the Federalist party. She was defeated by a representative of the Nationalist party by only 22 votes.

At Boys State there were 12 cities and 4 counties. Each boy attending the seminar was allowed to run for one local office and one state office. Wesley ran for sheriff of his county and won. He had to then appoint three deputies, one from each city in his county.

Because he was elected sheriff of his county, Wesley was allowed to go to the law enforcement demonstration at the Mountain Brook Police Range. For state office he ran for Commissioner of Agriculture. He made it to the party's run-off election but did not win the office.



Laura Williams & Wesley Clark

Miss Foggy Bottom Pageant Held

by Tessa Hall

The Miss Foggy Bottom pageant was held at two o'clock, Saturday, September 8, 1997, at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba, during the Foggy Bottom Festival. The pageant was part of a fund-raiser to restore the old Coffee County Jail. Throughout the day there were many other activities such as face painting, arts and crafts, horse and buggy rides, games for small children, and a fish fry. Rob and Kelly Hudson, Elba natives and Nashville recording artists, performed a concert Saturday night.

There were eight contestants in the Miss division, three of which are students at Zion Chapel High School. Sophomore Jessica Kelley and seniors Shannon Simmons and Suzanna Stinson proudly represented Zion Chapel. Each contestant in the Miss division had to wear country or western wear including boots, cowboy/girl hats, jeans, and/or fringe. Suzanna Stinson was second runner-up and Jessica Kelley was crowned Miss Foggy Bottom.

After being crowned Miss Foggy Bottom, Jessica was presented a crown and flowers, and was also introduced to Rob and Kelly Hudson and their band. Jessica said, "The pageant was fun and I had a great time at the concert."

Summer Parker and Marlena Hood, elementary students at Zion Chapel, were in other divisions of the contest. Summer was first runner-up in the Little Miss division and Marlena was the winner in her division.

Coffee County Schools Menu
Sept. 22 - 26, 1997

BREAKFAST

Monday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake PUPS, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Sausage, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Potato Triangle, Green Beans, Dill Spear, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Tuna Salad/Pita Bread or Hamburger, Oven Fries, Garden Peas, Fruit, Crackers, Cheese Slice, Milk
Wednesday - Grilled Chicken Fillet or Steak Fingers, Stir Fry Vegetables, Creamed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Waist-Watcher Cookie, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Hot Dogs or Pizza, Green Salad W/ RC Dressing, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Choc. Chip Cookie, Milk
Friday -Cold Cuts on Hoagie Bun or Rib B Ques W/BBQ Sauce, Corn on Cob, Baked Potato, Fruited Jello Cup, Butter or Sour Cream, Milk

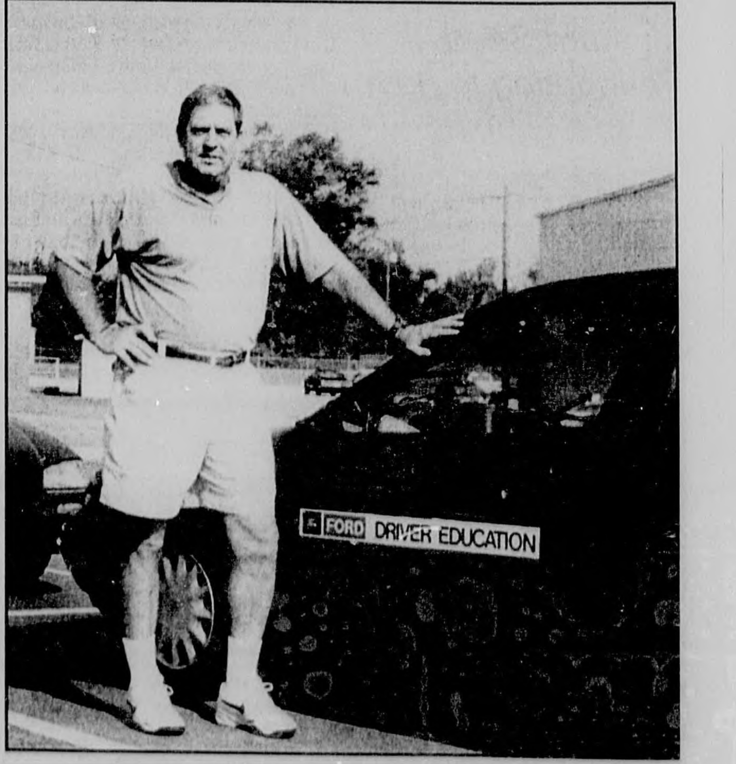
Ken Cox Ford Supports ZC

Ken Cox Ford of Troy is supplying the driver education car, a 1997 Contour, for the program at Zion Chapel High School.

The car will be used to show students how to operate a vehicle on the highway system in a safe manner.

"There are so many rules and regulations that govern busy highways that we have a 30-hour classroom instruction period that is taught by Randy Grant. Then students actually get a hands-on experience by actually driving in the driver education car," said Doug Branson, driver education instructor. Mr. Branson said that included in the instruction is boating safety, the psychology of sharing the highways with tractor-trailor units, and a general overview of how to operate a vehicle safely on today's busy and dangerous highways.

Zion Chapel and the Coffee County Board of Education extend sincere appreciation to Mr. Quitman Tisdale and Ken Cox Ford for supplying the driver education car.



COACH BRANSON STANDS BESIDE DRIVER'S ED CAR

JV Football

by Tina Johnson

On September 8, 1977, the Zion Chapel Junior Varsity football team traveled to Kinston to play their first football game of the season. Throughout the game the offense and defense gave it their all, showing Kinston that the Rebels weren't giving up without a fight. Several of the team players gave it their all by performing some exceptionally good plays. The cheerleaders and fans had faith that the JV football team would leave with a win.

In the first quarter the two teams, to an extent, were even. The players and coaches knew that this wasn't going to be an easy win. At the end of the first quarter the score was 0-0. During the second quarter the Bulldogs were able to score against the strong defense of the Rebels. The score at the end of the second quarter was Kinston 6, Zion Chapel 0. In the third quarter Levon Wheeler, #5, changed the score by making a touchdown for the Rebels.

The Rebels made the two-point conversion and the score was Zion Chapel 8, Kinston 6. Also in the third quarter Patrick Oglesby, #1, intercepted the ball preventing the Bulldogs from scoring. The fourth quarter was nearly over and the score was almost even. With 1:39 second left on the clock the Bulldogs scored again making the final score 14-8.

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Campus Mural Decorates Library

by: Lee English

Gunter Akridge, a ninth-grader at Elba High School, recently drew a mural of the Elba City School campus. The picture includes the elementary and high schools and the football field.

The high school librarian, Margaret Calhoun, knew of Gunter's talents and asked him to draw this mural. She said that he worked on the mural for over a year and a half.

Gunter took art lessons about three years ago from Millie McCollough and has continued to draw and paint ever since. This is the first attempt at a large scale drawing that he has ever done, as previously he only worked on smaller pictures. Gunter says that one day he may pursue a career in art.

Gunter is the son of Wayne and Gwen Akridge. The mural can be seen in the Elba High School library where it is used by the *Elbala* staff as the background for their TV broadcast "Tiger Pause." We hope to see more of his works in the near future.

Are You Culrurally Literate

by: Brandee Farris and Shea Free

As with many other schools in the United States and around the world, Elba High School participates in the student exchange program. Many times we are ignorant to the cultures and languages of the foreign exchange students that enter our school. This year we have two foreign exchange students; one is from Mexico and one from Brazil. We decided to choose a word from the Portuguese language, used in Brazil, to see if Elba High School students are culturally literate.

The question is WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH UM MILNAO?

Misty Kelly- I'd shoot it!
Anna Head- I'd drink it!
Terence Kyles- I'd eat it!
Keni Mitchell- I'd play with it!
Derrick Duncan- I'll wear it!
Coach English- I'll step on it!
Cassie Crittenden- I'd kill it!
Marcus Siler- I'd look it up in the dictionary!
Cedric Howe- I'd ask it if I could borrow $0.50!
Ayida Cumberland- I would give it to Cedric and he would give it back to me!
Laura Crowe- I would drive it!
Mrs. Bailey- I would wash my car with it!
Demetrice Caldwell- I'll use it!
Demarius Howe- I'll sell it!
Victoria Tyler- I'll throw it away!
Melissa Mularz- I'll put it in my pocket!
Tiffany Farris- I would eat it!
Darryl Burks- I'll kick it!
Julius Smith- I'll do something with it!
Bruce Cole- I would kill it!
Zell Daniels- I would keep it!
Brian Brunson- I would cherish it!

If you answered this as the following: I would spend it or put it in the bank, then you are correct! According to a Portuguese dictionary, um milnao means a million dollars. Are you as smart as you think?

Welcome To Elba

by: Shea Free and Brandee Farris

Elba High School wants to welcome Lylvia Berrera to Elba. Lylvia is from Monterey, Mexico. She is 17 years old and is a senior at Elba High School. She is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gideon.

Lylvia enjoys swimming, running, watching TV, aerobics and going out with friends. When Lylvia was asked what the biggest difference between Mexico and Elba was, she answered, "The food is different."

In Monterey, Lylvia's schedule consists of a six-period day with classes forty-two minutes long. Her stay in Elba will be a great benefit to her becoming proficient in speaking the English language. We hope that Lylvia's year at EHS will be fun and memorable.

Why We Should Study History

by: Anna Head

Seldom does a class go by without at least one student asking the teacher why he or she is being forced to study that particular subject. However, on the first day of school Mr. Ricky Carlile turned the question around and asked his U.S. History students their thoughts about why we should study history. These are a few of the responses he was given.

Courtney Robinson--I think we should study history so we all could know about the past and the people who made it possible. The past is something that shouldn't be forgotten because the things that were done back then made a tremendous impact on the present and may very well have an impact on the future. Hopefully we can all remember the past and focus on the future

Brandi Harrison-We study history because we need to know about the people in our past. We can learn from their mistakes and make our future better. Maybe we can set a better example for those that come after us!

Alisha Culliver--We should study the problems and solutions of the past to help us make decisions today. History is also interesting. We should also study history to find out things about our ancestors and our area in which we live.

Tiger Times

by: Walt Russell and Misty Kelly

Everyone in Elba knows what *Tiger Tales* is; however, few people but the students at Elba High are aware of what *Tiger Times* is all about.

For the past five years Elba High School's journalism staff has worked to publish a student newspaper. This year Mrs. Norris chose Walt Russell and Misty Kelley to edit *Tiger Times*.

In past years the newspaper has included a gossip column, horoscopes, dedications, and classifieds. This year the staff has added an editorial, a sports page, a music and movie review, hunting and fishing notices, and an advice column. *Tiger Times* is sold for fifty cents on the first Friday of each month. The proceeds from the sale go to defray the cost of the *Elbala*.

Tiger Tales

ANNA HEAD Editor
ELIZABETH STRONG Assistant Editor

Note From Editors...

Dear *Tiger Tales* Readers:

In an effort to hear what our community feels about Elba High School, its students, and activities, the editors of *Tiger Times* have decided to have a weekly editorial. We would like to hear/be informed of your ideas, opinions, and questions. Whether you are a parent, guardian, grandparent, or simply a member of the community, we want to know what you are thinking. We are very excited about our new column and hope that we have a tremendous response.

In EHS Spirit,
Anna Head, Editor
Elizabeth Strong, Co-Editor

Attention

PALS Reporter: Sha-Kira Stephens

The newer version of PALS has arrived, excited and eager to receive some little buddies! We are now doing some preliminary class work and although it will be several more weeks before getting our little buddies, we are looking forward to the event.

On September 13-14 we will be traveling to Camp Chandler for an overnight Leadership Retreat. This promises to be a great and exciting year and we are eagerly anticipating the months to come.

An education is something that can't be taken away from you! GO FOR IT!!!

Support The ELBA Tigers

Elba Elementary School Menus
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Monday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Chese Slice, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk
Friday -Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday -Hamburger Helper, Mixed Vegetables, Banana, Cake, Crackers, Milk
Tuesday - Fish Burger, Rice, Baked Beans, Half Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Carrots, Half Apple, Milk
Thursday -Lasagna, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday - Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Potato Wedges, Peach Half, Milk

Meet Beatrice Johnson

by: Brandie Mann

Mrs. Beatrice Johnston is a new teacher on the campus of both Elba Elementary and High School. She works with counseling students assigned to the In School Suspension program as well as small groups and individuals with problems such as the possibility of dropping out, poor attendance or grades, and personal or family related troubles.

Mrs. Johnston previously worked as a counselor in an alternative school and states that she enjoys this type of work because she sees many young people lost in the crowd with nowhere to go.

Mrs. Johnston attended high school in Oklahoma and undergraduate school at the University of Alabama. Later, she attended West Georgia College where she received her Master's Degree.

Mrs. Johnston resides in Elba with her husband, Coach Marlon Johnston, and her six year old son, Brett.

WELCOME

VICA Spotlight

by: Matthew Farris

This week's VICA spotlight focuses on two of Elba High School's seniors, Shelly McDaniel and Jeremy Blenn. They are employed at Pizza Hut in Elba.

Shelly's duty at Pizza Hut is shift leader. This job gives her many responsibilities such as cashier and waitress. Shelly is the daughter of Dennis and Beverly McDaniel and is an active member in VICA and FBLA. After graduation, she plans to attend nursing school.

Jeremy works at Pizza Hut as shift manager. He enjoys his job and is an active member of VICA. Jeremy's hobbies include working out at Mike's Gym and going out with friends. His parents are Jesse and Carmen Blenn.

After high school, Jeremy plans to attend Troy State University and major in engineering.

Both Jeremy and Shelly are excellent employees and outstanding students. What they are learning from their work experience will prepare them for their future careers.

New Students At Elba Elementary School

by: Lee English and Diana Jackson

As the new school year began, the enrollment at Elba Elementary increased as students came from local and distant schools alike. These newcomers to EES are pictured above: **First Grade**: Ashley Bailey, Alexis Bush, Ethen Dismukes, Brett Johnston, and Sebastian Haddaway. **Second Grade**: Meagan Anderson, Dallas Williams, Andrew Beck, and Brenisha Flowers. **Third Grade**: Whitney Bailey and Savannah Sikes. **Fourth Grade**: Tiffany Adkinson. **Fifth Grade**: Rebecca English, Evan Tew, Jackie Farmer, Tiffany Jarman and Kevin Hays. **Sixth Grade**: Stephanie Lewis, Carrie Williams, Linda Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Anna Marie Anderson, Meredith English and Phillip Adkinson.

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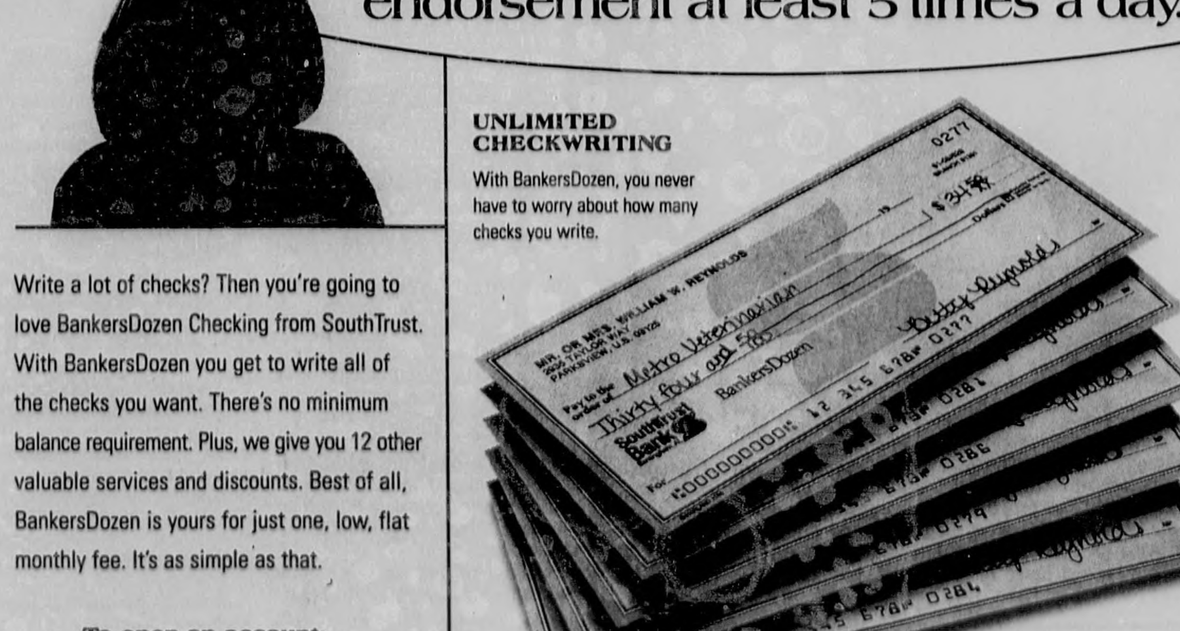

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Views from.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been making trips to the skating rink since it opened back in the summer, and while she has improved by leaps and bounds, it seems that lately she may have improved more in her mind than on the rink. Two weeks ago we got a call that she had fallen and hit her head, while last weekend we got a call that she had hurt her ankle in a fall. Maybe it's time to forget about doing the hard things and just concentrate on staying on her feet. Oh yea, so far none of the injuries have been bad.

ELBA TIGERS FALL TO 0-2 WITH LOSS TO LUVERNE

The Elba Tigers hosted the Luverne Tigers Friday night, and after a shaky start, battled the highly-ranked Tigers on even terms before falling 21-7 to see their record slip to 0-2 on the young season. Elba spotted Luverne a quick 14-0 lead on a punt return and a long drive, but refused to let the game get out of hand and was very much alive until the final minutes, when the visitors added an insurance touchdown to make the final margin of victory 14 points. The Tigers could have quit, or gotten frustrated after falling behind so early; however, the players just kept on fighting and had chances to pull off the upset. Once again, Elba gave a winning effort in a losing cause to a very good opponent.

The Elba offense had a new look and put the ball in the air almost twenty times in an attempt to move the ball after its lackluster showing in week #1. The Tigers did have three passes picked off, but the balanced attack kept the Luverne defense honest, and helped the running game find some room in which to roam. The offense still made too many mistakes to put a lot of points on the scoreboard; however, it did show it could move the football, and maybe now the coaches can throw out the things that don't work and work on the things that do. The Tiger offense is a long way from being a power house, but not as bad as many might think after the two opening losses.

The Tiger defense was stung early by the two Luverne scores, but fought tooth-and-nail the entire game and really kept the Tigers in the hunt for win #1. Luverne's speed and talent at the skill positions caused the Tigers some problems at times; however, all in all the Elba defense never backed down and gave another winning performance. If the defense can keep improving, it may very well pitch a shut-out before long and lead the way to a win. Linebacker Ronnie Davis had 15 tackles in the game and played like a man determined not to lose, while Wesley Johnson had his second straight solid performance at defensive-end. The Tigers' defensive unit played tough, and deserved a better fate than the 21 points put on the scoreboard.

Elba has now played well in both of its opening losses to Charles Henderson and Luverne; however, there is no more room for moral victories in the Tiger camp. The time has come for the Tigers to win a football game, and then go out and win even more. The longest journey begins with a short step, and the step for the Tigers in their quest for a winning season has to start with one win. Okay, the effort is there and everyone is proud of the players for how hard they have played. Now go out and beat somebody!

AREA TEAMS STRUGGLE IN WEEK #2 ACTION

The second week of the season is often as confusing as the first, with the opening week results giving a false sense of confidence to many players and their fans. That was certainly the case last week locally, as two teams bite the dust after big wins and another struggled for the second straight week. Here is what happened....

***NEW BROCKTON was in the headlines after blasting Houston Academy 37-0 in the opening week, but found out that what happened last week means nothing, as the Gamecocks were upset by G.W. Long 21-18. The Gamecocks moved the football well and played good on defense, but a blocked punt for a touchdown and a kickoff return for a score resulted in 14 points, and helped Long get the win. The Gamecocks had some problems with their extra points in the opening week, and those same problems resurfaced last week, and proved to be a major factor in the loss. It is a lot easier to get the players' attention after a loss than it is after a big win, and you can bet Coach Thrasher will have their undivided attention this week.

***ZION CHAPEL was convinced that the glory days were back after opening with its big 49-34 win over Thorsby, but some injuries to key players and a good Houston Academy team proved fatal to the Rebels as they were ripped 35-0. The Rebels had a couple linemen slowed by injuries and then lost their top runner, which took much of the Rebels weapons out of their arsenal. There is an old saying that a team is never as good as you may think after a win, and never as bad as one might think after a loss. That is certainly true with Zion Chapel. The win gave some Rebel fans a false sense of how good the team really was, and the loss now has some of those same fans singing the blues. Keep the faith, Coach Grant and his troops are building for the future and now there will be bumps along the way. The support of the fans is needed now, just like after a win.

***KINSTON fell for the second straight week; however, the Bulldogs of Coach Mickey Jacobs are far from being pronounced dead on the scene. The Bulldogs have had to overcome some off-the-field distractions early on, and now are still trying to get to square one so they can head forward. Kinston may not have as many good players as in years past, but the Bulldogs do have a lot of pride in what they do, and you know that before long the pieces of the puzzle will begin to fit in place, and the Bulldogs will break their chains and get after some folks. Kinston fans should let the players and coaches know they are behind them, win or lose, and that they too believe that better days are indeed coming.

***BRANTLEY is 2-0 after two weeks of the young season, but those two wins have come by a total of only two points, and many Bulldogs fans are concerned that their team may not be as good as they originally hoped. While that is probably true, the Bulldogs are 2-0, and close wins early in the season can provide valuable lessons for any team, much less a team as young as Brantley. Brantley has found a way to win in both games, and has to be confident that it can win no matter what happens during the course of the game. Remember, Brantley still has one seventh grader, two eighth graders, eight ninth graders and seven sophomores on its roster, and it will take time for the youngsters to become veterans. Hey, a win is a win.

STATEWIDE REVIEW SHOWS UPSETS ABOUND

The second week of the season was filled with surprises as fifteen teams ranked in the state's Top 10 were knocked off. The top teams all survived the second week woes, but others slipped and fell. Here's a quick look back....

***CLASS 6A - The top-ranked Central, of Tuscaloosa, Falcons breezed past Woodlawn 35-6 and #2 Vigor whipped up on LeFlore 35-6, but #5 Mt. Brook, #7 Jeff Davis and #8 Benjamin Russell all suffered losses. It was Jeff Davis' second straight loss, and it looks the Vols chances at a repeat are already over. Closer to home, Enterprise fell to Rutherford 20-6 and Northview was stunned by Prattville 17-14.

***CLASS 5A - Top-ranked Blount coasted past Robertsdale 47-0 and may very well be the best team in the state in any class, while #2 Etowah was upset by Tuscaloosa County 17-14. Other Top 10 casualties included #5 Smiths Station and #10 Bradshaw, while closer to home Charles Henderson surprised Opp 7-6, Andalusia fell to 0-2 with a 33-6 loss to W.S. Neal, and Greenville clobbered Wetumpka 34-7.

***CLASS 4A - Top-ranked Fayette County survived a 34-20 shoot-out with South Lamar, while #2 T.R. Miller was also in a wild one before outscoring Valley 52-27. Top 10 teams that lost included #3 Alexandria and #8 East Lawrence. Closer to home, Ashford improved to 2-0 with a lopsided 52-0 win over Headland, Daleville slipped to 1-1 with a 22-0 loss to Seminole County, Dale County blasted Cottonwood 34-0, and Geneva improved to 2-0 with an impressive 25-14 win over Rehobeth.

***CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Colbert County ripped Lauderdale County 34-14 and #2 Briarwood dumped Chelsea 33-14, but Top 10 teams taking the powder included #3 UMS-Wright, and #5 Crossville. Closer to home, Rehobeth slipped to 0-2 with a 25-14 loss to Geneva, and Southern Choctaw edged past Leroy 13-7.

***CLASS 2A - Top-ranked Clay County blanked Elmore County 21-0, but #2 Cottonwood got shelled by Dale County 34-0, and may not be as good as many thought. Other Top 10 casualties included #5 Sand Rock and #10 Tanner. Closer to home, Geneva County got its first win with a 20-0 decision over Kinston, Goshen ripped Coffeeville 41-8, Highland Home blasted St. James 41-23 and Houston County fell to Slocomb 36-12.

***CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville whipped #8 Loachapoka 26-12, while #2 Addison rolled over Madison Academy 54-0. Closer to home, Ariton edged past Louisville 12-6, McKenzie surprised Flomaton 20-14 and Thorsby spanked Lyman Ward 41-20.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

***The Major League baseball season is fast winding down and I for one just don't think the Atlanta Braves are any real threat to even make it to the World Series, much less win it. The Braves hitting has been suspect, at best, throughout the season, and if they have to go to the bullpen in a close game, odds are a loss is on the way. I am a Braves fan, but they have spent so much money on their starting pitchers that the rest of the roster is bargain-basement.

***Auburn is 2-0 after two pretty tough openers, but it is funny to listen to the Auburn fans grumble about how bad the team has looked and how bad the offense has struggled. Hey! Auburn is 2-0 and has wins over two good teams, and I know that even if you don't like Terry Bowden, you have to admit that a 2-0 start isn't really that bad. It seems like many of the fans I know are just waiting for the Tigers to lose so they can shout even louder about the need for a new head coach.

***Alabama fans need to realize that the Crimson Tide is not a national contender and simply sit back and be supportive as Coach Mike DuBose tries to get the Tide headed back in the right direction. This year's team is the one that the new Bama head man inherited, and so far he has done pretty well with the hand-me-downs. Remembering the past is fun, but face it, the Tide isn't as good as many teams across the nation, and will struggle along the way this season.

***The Elba Youth Football League teams are all 2-1 after three weeks of action and it looks like the league is very much alive and well. The teams combine to have almost 80 players dressed out, while the cheerleaders have over 80 young ladies on the sideline. The program has to fight with junior high football for the seventh grade players; however, it looks like this season it is holding its own.

***I must apologize to the Kinston Bulldogs and their fans for the lack of actual game coverage this season. When we were lining up sportswriters for the season I thought we had the Bulldogs covered; however, thus far we haven't been able to get anyone to cover Kinston, and I know the lack of coverage is disappointing to all the Bulldogs and their fans. We know you deserve the best coverage possible, and rest assured we will get better as the season goes along.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR GAINING CONFIDENCE

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator wasn't exactly smiling when he dropped by the office over the weekend, but he did smile when I congratulated him on hitting on 28 of 32 predictions in week #2 of the high school season. The local guesspert hit such toss-ups as Dale County over Cottonwood, Samson over Wicksburg, Geneva over Rehobeth, Greenville over Wetumpka and Lanier over Carver, and moved his early-season total to 54-12. On with the show....

ELBA VS. GEORGIANA

The Tigers are winless on the young season and have dropped three straight decisions to the talented Panthers, which should add up to another big Georgiana win. The Panthers will be at home and will be confident; however, these Tigers have something to prove, and something tells me that this will be the week they make believers out of some folks.

ELBA 20 GEORGIANA 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. STRAUGHN

The Gamecocks lost a few feathers Friday night over in Skipperville, and may still be a little sore when they travel to Straughn to battle the winless, but very dangerous Tigers. Anything less than their best effort will result in another Brockton loss, but the guess here is that the Gamecocks will regain their touch and survive a real battle.

NEW BROCKTON 22 STRAUGHN 20

BRANTLEY VS. GOSHEN

The Bulldogs are 2-0 after a pair of one-point wins, while the Eagles are flying high and confident that a win over Brantley will come without much of a problem. While it's true the Bulldogs may not be as good as many thought, they will be playing at home and will not surrender their home turf without a fight. In a classic....

GOSHEN 16 BRANTLEY 15

ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG

The Rebels took it on the chin last week and must now regroup in a hurry to avoid losing their second straight game. The Rebels from over in Skipperville are rolling along undefeated and will come in fresh off a win over New Brockton. The hometown Rebels had better circle their wagons.

G.W. LONG 45 ZION CHAPEL 12

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

Two teams still looking for a win will meet this week in Kinston, and while it may not be a headliner across the state, it will be a game that both teams will be looking forward to. The Bulldogs' offense will have to step it up a notch to score enough points to win, because the Wildcats will find the endzone.

FLORALA 18 KINSTON 16

OTHER PICKS:

Addison 34 Madison County 6
Alabama Christian 22 Fayetteville 0
McKenzie 20 Ariton 18
Billingsley 27 Autaugaville 24
Houston Academy 27 Wicksburg 8
Maplesville 40 Francis Marion 12
Seminole County 75 Clayton 0
Cottonwood 21 Liberty County 10
Excel 15 Linden 13
Samson 21 Geneva County 7
Highland Home 27 Red Level 13
Headland 13 Houston County 12
Montgomery Acad. 28 Louisville 0
Ch. Henderson 14 Luverne 10
Geneva 31 Slocomb 6
Abbeville 20 Rehobeth 19
Andalusia 10 Ashford 8
Daleville 13 Beauregard 12
Dale County 27 Sumter County 6
T.R. Miller 34 Jackson 14
W.S. Neal 20 Escambia County 8
Smiths Station 28 Pike County 0
Greenville 20 Stanhope Elmore 14
Hillcrest 13 Monroe County 6
Opp 21 Carroll 10
Valley 22 Auburn 17
Northview 17 Baldwin County 7
Jeff Davis 17 Carver 15
Dothan 14 Bay 13
Enterprise 28 Davidson 7
Lanier 20 Selma 16
R.E. Lee 28 Northside, Ga. 3

SPORTS

Still looking for win #1 under Coach Sikes

Elba hits road for battle with Panthers

The Elba Tigers will be hoping that the third time will be the charm this week when they travel to Georgiana to battle the Georgiana Panthers in the third week of the 1997 football season.

The Tigers will enter the game with an 0-2 record after losses to Charles Henderson 16-14 and Luverne 21-7, while Georgiana will carry a 1-1 record into the clash after defeating McKenzie 20-0 and losing to Thomasville 34-0.

"Georgiana is a team with a lot of athletes and they will be very confident Friday night that they can beat us," said Elba's Coach David Sikes. "Georgiana has only lost to Elba once in recent years, and that was the first time the series was played back when Coach Wood was the coach. With three straight wins over Elba, it won't be hard for the Georgiana coaches to get their players to believe they can win Friday night."

"On offense," said Coach Sikes, "they run out of an I formation and like to run traps, sweeps and a lot of trick plays. Their quarterback is a great athlete that will play various positions, and he can hurt you from anywhere he lines up. They have good size in the line and will try to just line up and run you over at times, but their game is using their speed and tricks to try and have big plays."

"Over on defense they have two big tackles and very good linebacker," added Sikes. "Their offense can put points on the scoreboard, but their defense is better right now than their offense, and will present us with some problems."

"If we are going to win Friday night we'll have to execute better on offense and play aggressive, but be smart on defense," stated Coach Sikes. "On offense we'll have to be consistent and sustain drives. We began to be effective both passing and running in the game against Luverne, and we'll have to be balanced to move the ball against Georgiana. On defense we'll have to play aggressive and really get after the football, but at the same time we'll have to recognize their formations and not make any mental mistakes. If we don't do our jobs on every single play they can, and will break some big plays."

"Georgiana is a tough place to play and tough team to win against," said Sikes, "but we need to win this week to let the players know that they can win. The players are all playing hard and working hard in practice, but they need a win for the morale of the entire squad. We have played well against two good football teams and could have won both games, but we don't have anything to show for it. The players have a good attitude, play hard and do what we ask. We are a lot better football team now than we were in week #1, and if we keep on working, things will fall into place pretty soon and we'll start winning some football games."

When asked about last week's 21-7 loss to Luverne, Coach Sikes stated "I was proud of the way the players hung in there after falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter. They could have quit, but they never even thought about quitting and played winning football the rest of the night. The offense showed improvement, due primarily to the passing game, and I think the offense is coming around and learning what it can do. The defense played real good for the second straight week, and a lot of people got after the football."

"After two weeks we are beginning to learn a lot about ourselves," said Sikes. "We are finding out what we can and can't do, and after two games the players are coming together as a team. Hopefully this week the team will put everything together and get a win that we need so bad."

Youth football teams sweep Red Level

The Elba Youth Football League teams traveled to Red Level last weekend for a triple-header, and came home with wins in all three games.

The Midget Tigers improved their record to 2-1 with a 24-16 win over Red Level. Deymond Williams scored four touchdowns and rushed for over 100 yards in the win.

The Termite Tigers moved their record to 2-0 with a 6-0 win over Red Level, with Bradley Bane leading the offensive charge.

The PeeWee Tigers pushed their record to 2-0 with a 14-0 win, as Brandon Petty and Todd Horstead both scored touchdowns.

The teams will travel to Andalusia this week to battle Pleasant Home.

Rodeos set for Opp on Sept.20-21

The Opp Jaycees will present the "Alabama Junior Rodeo" and "Alabama High School Rodeo" at the H.D. Edgar Arena, on Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21.

The arena is located on Highway 84, East of Opp.

On Saturday, competition will include junior performance at 9:00 AM, senior slack at 2:30 PM and senior performance at 8:00 PM.

Sunday's competition will begin with a cowboy church at 12:30 PM and senior performance at 1:30 PM.

Cowgirls will compete in goat tying, pole bending, breakaway roping and barrel racing, while the cowboys will compete in calf roping, steer wrestling, bare-back riding, team roping, saddle bronc riding and bull riding.

Admission to the rodeo is $5, with children under six admitted free.

JOEL and JON KOON competed on August 23, 1997, in Pensacola, Florida, in the Regional Taekwondo Tournament, at the University of West Florida, and brought home numerous trophies. Joel won first place in sparring and second place in forms, while Jon won third place in sparring and third place in form. Joel and Jon are the sons of Lamar and Beth Koon (formerly Beth Johnston), of Enterprise, and the grandparents of M.W. Johnston, of Elba. Also pictured is J.C. Smith, of Ft. Rucker, who won first place in form and second place in sparring. He is the son of Tonya and Smitty Smith, of Ft. Rucker.

Bird hunters must have new permit

The Alabama Game and Fish Division is reminding licensed hunters that they are required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to have a permit to hunt migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, coots, snipe, rails and woodcock).

The permits are free and are available at all sporting good vendors in the state. The permit is required of every licensed bird hunter in Alabama, including lifetime license holders.

The permit will be available upon completion of a Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) card. The hunter will be asked to provide name, address and answer a few short questions about last season's harvest. The hunter will complete the card and exchange it for a permit that must be available for inspection when hunting migratory birds in Alabama.

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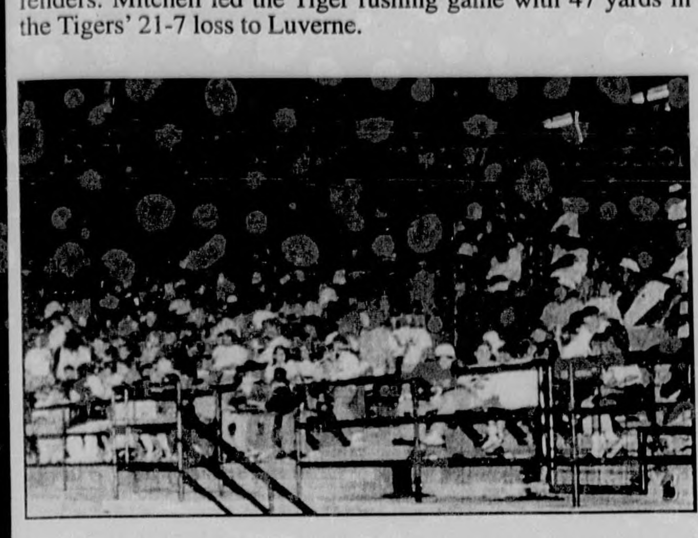
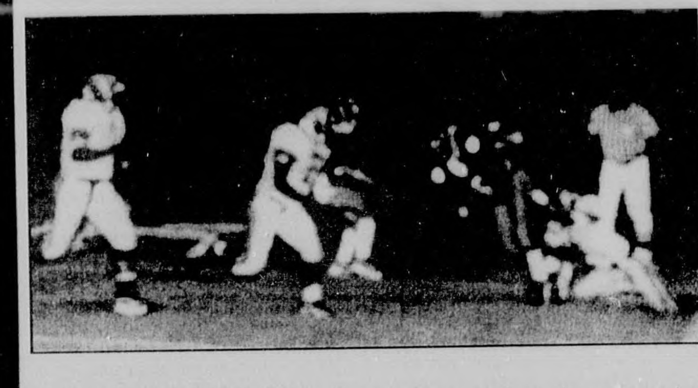
Elba's **Julian Mitchell (5)** tries to get outside Luverne defenders. Mitchell led the Tiger rushing game with 47 yards in the Tigers' 21-7 loss to Luverne.



Another large crowd was on hand Friday night to support Coach Sikes and his Elba Tigers.



Julian Mitchell (5) fights for yardage against the aggressive Luverne Tiger defense.

The **"Marching Tiger Band"** put on an outstanding performance during halftime ceremonies Friday night.

Elba linebacker **Ronnie Davis (55)** holds on to a Luverne running back. Davis made 12 tackles to lead the Elba defense.

Tigers fall to Luverne 21-7

Early scores too much for Elba to overcome

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers spotted the highly-touted Luverne Tigers two early touchdowns and were never able to catch up Friday night as they were defeated 21-7, in front of a big crowd at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

The loss left Elba with an 0-2 record, while Luverne improved its slate to 1-1 with the win.

Elba failed to move the chains on its first possession of the game and was forced to punt, but Luverne was ready to get on the scoreboard and brought its fans to their feet as the red-clad Tigers fielded the punt near midfield and raced 52 yards for a touchdown. Shannon Samples booted the extra point, and with 9:51 still left in the first quarter Luverne was already on top 7-0.

The Elba offense came to life on its ensuing possession, and behind the running of Marcus Parker and the passing of Derek Marler marched to a first down at the Luverne 36-yardline. A four-yard loss on third down slowed the drive, however, and a fumble on the key fourth down play killed the scoring opportunity.

Luverne was again ready to put points on the scoreboard, and this time marched 51 yards in six plays to extend its lead to 14-0.

A 25-yard scamper by Dee Crittenden was a big play during the scoring march, and it was Crittenden, a sophomore quarterback, that got the score on a one-yard sneak. Samples booted the extra point, and with 3:30 left in the first quarter it appeared like the rout was on as Luverne was on top 14-0.

A pass interception gave the ball right back to Luverne at midfield, but this time the Elba defense was up to the challenge, and stopped Luverne on a fumble recovery by Chad Mashburn at the Elba 45-yardline.

The Elba offense took advantage of a botched fake-punt to gain excellent field-position at the Luverne 40-yardline with 4:25 left in the half, but failed to take advantage of the scoring opportunity, as on fourth down a pass from Derek Marler to Garrett Boutwell was two yards short of the first down marker.

Elba came out in the second half with a look of determination and stopped Luverne cold on its first possession of the period.

The Elba offense put the ball in play at its 43-yardline following a 26-yard punt, and drove 57 yards in six running plays to cut into the Luverne lead!

Julian Mitchell gained 48 yards on three carries during the scoring drive and ignited the crowd with a 34-yard dash, while Keni Mitchell got the score on a 5-yard run. Marcus Parker kicked the extra point, and with 6:44 left in the third quarter Elba was within 14-7.

A fumble recovery by Elba linebacker Ronnie Davis stopped a Luverne drive at the Elba 33-yardline late in the stanza, and the score remained unchanged for the remainder of the third quarter as both defenses dominated the action.

Luverne put the ball in play at its own 44-yardline midway through the fourth quarter after a short 25-yard punt, and put the game away by driving 56 yards in eight plays for a touchdown.

Dee Crittenden and Cecil Jackson were the workhorses of the drive, while Rodney Lowery capped the scoring march with a 7-yard dash into the endzone. Samples booted the extra point, and with 3:04 left in the game Luverne had the win in the bag, leading 21-7.

Julian Mitchell gained 47 yards in 8 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Derek Marler added 26 yards in 4 carries, and Keni Mitchell gained 21 yards on five totes.

Cecil Jackson led Luverne with 83 yards on 14 carries, while Dee Crittenden added 50 yards on 15 tries.

Ronnie Davis made 9 solo tackles, had 2 assists and recovered a fumble to spark the Elba defense, while Wesley Johnson added 8 tackles and recorded 4 assists. Keni Mitchell made 5 tackles and 1 assist.

STATISTICS

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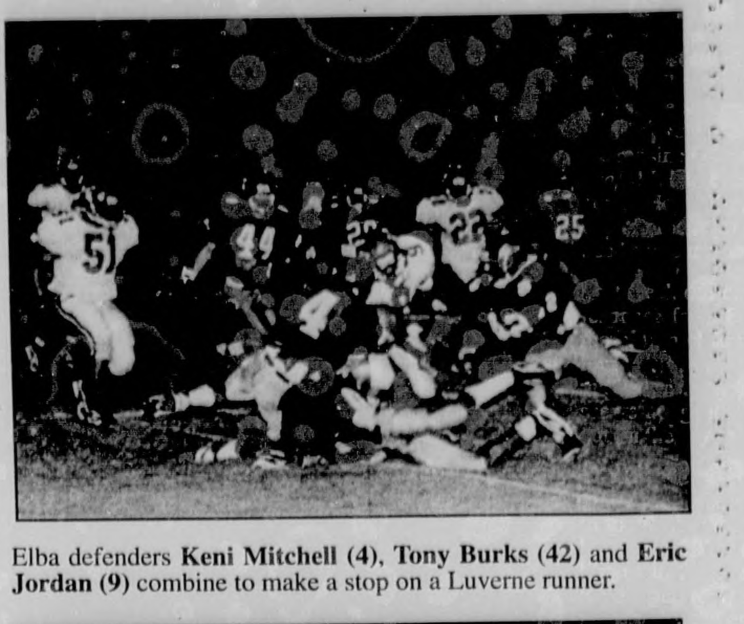
9	1st Downs	10
104	Rushing Yds.	2-6
49	Passing Yds.	0
153	Total Offense	206
5-18-3	Passes	1-1-0
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
4-31	Punts-Ave.	4-36
25	Penalty Yds.	55

Not even an injured knee could keep this Elba cheerleader off the sidelines for Friday night's game.



Elba defenders **Keni Mitchell (4), Tony Burks (42)** and **Eric Jordan (9)** combine to make a stop on a Luverne runner.

Elba's **Marcus Parker (6)** heads outside for a big gain in the Tigers hard fought 21-7 setback to Luverne.

Walkathon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and CareSouth HomeCare Professionals will present "Great Strides, A Walk To Cure Cystic Fibrosis," on Sept. 27, beginning at 9 a.m. at the River Junction in Geneva.

Great Strides is a 10K walk to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research.

Other events for the day will include Gospel singers, clowns, face painting, train rides and refreshments.

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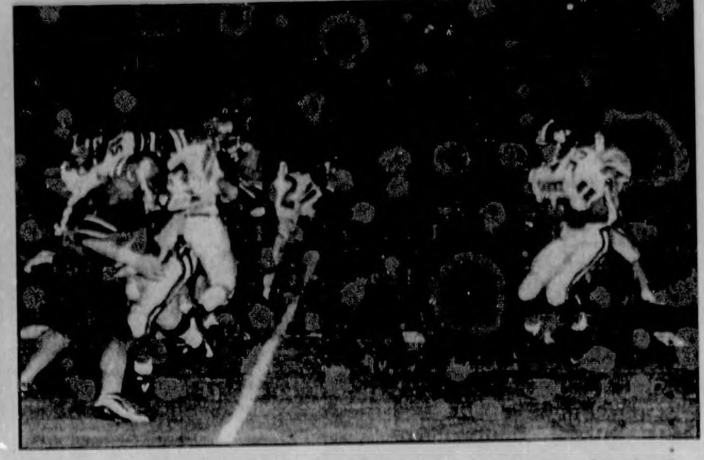
A **New Brockton** defender holds on to stop a G.W. Long Rebel runner for a short gain.

A **Gamecock** tackler pulls down a Rebel runner from behind in third quarter action Friday night.



New Brockton's **Lee Flowers (33)** looks for an opening in the G.W. Long defense during action Friday night.

New Brockton tripped up by Rebels 21-18

Statistics By Andrae Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks sailed into Skipperville flying high Friday night looking to improve to 2-0 on the young season, but came home with their feathers ruffled as the G.W. Long Rebels stunned the Gamecocks 21-18.

G.W. Long received the opening kick and used its powerful running game to march 36 yards in nine plays, only to be stopped as the New Brockton defense rose to the early challenge.

The Gamecocks began their first series at their own 25-yardline, and drove 75 yards in 13 plays to grab the early lead!

Lee Flowers was the workhorse of the drive for the Gamecocks as he gained 24 yards on four carries, while the score came on an 8-yard scoring toss from Jason Allums to Adam Green. The extra-point try failed, but with :19 left in the opening stanza New Brockton was on top 6-0.

The lead proved to be short-lived, however, as G.W. Long answered the Gamecock touchdown when Clay Killingsworth took the ensuing kick and raced 90 yards for a score. The extra point was good, and with :08 still left in the quarter G.W. Long had moved ahead 7-6.

The Rebels got the ball right back on a New Brockton fumble at the Gamecock 20-yardline, but the Gamecock defense was again up to the challenge, and turned the Rebels back when a fourth down field-goal attempt failed.

The two teams swapped punts on their next possessions, and then swapped fumbles on their following possessions, as neither team could mount an offensive threat.

New Brockton put the ball in play at its 25-yardline late in the half, but saw disaster strike, as on fourth down the Rebels broke through to block a punt, and turned the block into a touchdown to increase their lead to 14-6 with 1:13 left in the half.

New Brockton opened the second half with some fireworks of its own, as on the kickoff Jerry Haynes pulled in the kick, handed off to LaRoyce Haynes on the reverse, and Haynes sprinted 90 yards for a Gamecock touchdown!

The two-point try failed, but New Brockton had cut the Long lead to 14-12 with 11:42 still left in the third quarter.

The Gamecocks got the ball back at the Rebels' 45-yardline after a fourth down gamble backfired on G.W. Long, and New Brockton patiently marched downfield to regain the lead.

Lee Flowers and Jerry Haynes took turns butting heads against the Rebels' defense, while the score came on a 16-yard pass from Jason Allums to Jimmy Lunsford. The two-point try again failed; however, with 1:53 left in the third quarter the Gamecocks were back on top 18-14.

G.W. Long began its ensuing possession at its own 35-yardline, and marched 65 yards in 12 plays to reach paydirt.

Two key pass completions sparked the scoring march, which was capped off when Drew Miller bulled over from two yards out. The extra-point try was true, and with 6:54 left on the clock G.W. Long was back on top 21-18.

New Brockton failed to generate any offense on its next series, but got the ball back after a defensive stand at its 20-yardline, and quickly moved to a pair of first downs behind the running of Lee Flowers. The Gamecocks ran out of time, however, and at the final horn absorbed the defeat 21-18.

Lee Flowers gained 97 yards on 12 carries to lead New Brockton, while Jerry Haynes added 32 yards on 11 tries.

Clay Killingsworth led Long with 96 yards on 11 carries.

STATISTICS

NB		L
13	1st Downs	8
183	Rushing Yds.	166
24	Passing Yds.	14
207	Total Yds.	180
2-7-0	Passes	2-5-0
2	Fumbles Lost	1

Gamecock mascot keeps the spirit during G.W. Long action.

Brantley sneaks past Red Level 7-6

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs survived eleven penalties and three lost fumbles Friday night to claim a hard fought 7-6 victory over the Red Level Tigers, to improve their record to 2-0 on the young season.

Midway through the first quarter Lucas Hill recovered a Tiger fumble at the Red Level 14-yardline. Two carries by Bo Daniels moved the football down the two-yardline, but the Bulldogs came away empty-handed as Red Level's Mike Brundidge recovered a Bulldog bobble to stop the scoring threat.

The two teams swapped fumbles on their next possessions, with Chris Cook making a recovery for Red Level, and a Brantley defender making a recovery four plays later on a faked punt try.

The Bulldogs' Latrell Bennett recovered another fumble a few plays later to set Brantley up at the Red Level 47-yardline, but the Bulldog offense was unable to move the ball, and turned it back over on downs.

Stallion Sasser recovered yet another Tiger fumble three plays later at the Red Level 33-yardline; however, four plays netted only eight yards, and the half ended with the teams still standing at 0-0.

Both defenses continued to dominate as the second half opened, with Brantley putting the ball in play at its own 29-yardline following a Tiger punt.

Deon Jones took a pitch-out on second down and nine and raced 27 yards to pump life into the struggling Bulldog offense. Darrell Owens then kept the ball on an option and rambled 43 yards into the endzone for the first points of the night!

Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 6:02 left in the third quarter Brantley was ahead 7-0.

Red Level took the ensuing kick and marched to the Brantley 20-yardline, only to be turned away by the Bulldog defense.

Brantley gave the football right back; however, as on the next play William Matthews recovered a Deon Jones fumble at the Bulldogs' 27-yardline.

Red Level moved the chains and reached a first down at the Brantley 8-yardline, but the Bulldogs' Lucas Hill pounced on a Tiger fumble, and the scoring threat ended!

Red Level began its next series at its own 48-yardline following a Brantley punt, and nine plays later was in the endzone, with the score coming on a 20-yard pass from Joey Curry to Scott Watson on a fourth down and goal, from the 20-yardline.

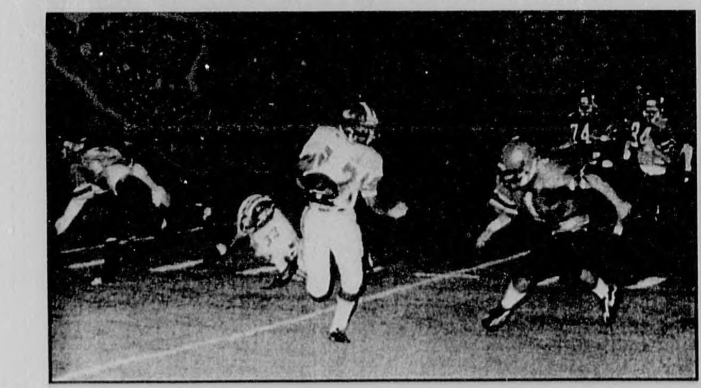
A bad snap resulted in a failed extra-point attempt, and with 3:15 left in the game the Bulldogs were still on top, 7-6.

Brantley recovered an on-sides-kick attempt and easily ran out the clock to claim the 7-6 win.

The Brantley offense was led by Darrell Owens with 54 yards on only five carries, and Deon Jones with 53 yards on 11 totes. Joey Curry led Red Level with 55 yards on 9 tries.

STATISTICS

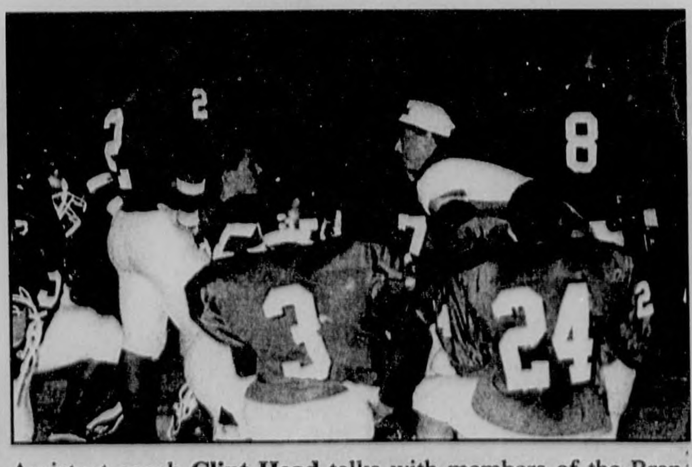
B		RL
8	1st Downs	6
37-179	Rushes-Yds.	32-125
0	Passing Yds.	20
179	Total Offense	145
0-2-0	Passes	1-6-0
11-86	Penalties-Yds.	3-25
3	Fumbles Lost	5
4-36	Punts-Ave.	3-37



New Brockton's **LaRoyce Haynes (21)** is off and running.

Brantley's **Darrell Owens (5)** tries to elude a Red Level defender in Friday night's 7-6 win.

New Brockton cheerleaders are ready to lead a cheer.



Assistant coach **Clint Head** talks with members of the Brantley defense during a time-out in the action.

Brantley cheerleaders keep Bulldog fans excited.

Brantley's **Jon Folmar (13)** holds on to stop a Red Level runner in his tracks during Friday night action.

Bulldog back **Deon Jones (24)** finds his path blocked.

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Rebels fall hard to Houston Academy 35-0

Zion Chapel's **Durane Flowers (2)** eyes running room outside during the Rebels' battle against Houston Academy.

By Cade Shiver, Sportswriter

The visitor's section of Dothan's Northcutt Field was silent Friday night as Zion Chapel saw their dream of a 2-0 start become a nightmare as the Rebels were manhandled by the Houston Academy Raiders 35-0.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and brought everyone in attendance to their feet as Durane Flowers took the kick in at the one-yardline and streaked 99 yards for an apparent touchdown. The lightning quick score was nullified by a clipping penalty, however, and the long night was underway for the Rebels.

Houston Academy began its first possession at its own 48-yardline following a Rebel punt, and behind the running of Chris Leverette and the arm of Austin Powell needed only six plays to cover the distance to the endzone.

The scoring drive was capped off by an 18-yard scoring toss from Powell to Gregg Gunn, and Jared Burkett nailed the extra point, putting the Raiders ahead 7-0 with 3:49 left in the opening quarter.

Zion Chapel went three and out on its next series, but the Raiders were again ready to roll, and this time marched 81 yards in eight snaps to increase their lead to 14-0.

The huge size advantage of the Houston Academy offensive line allowed Leverette to pick his way through the Rebel defense, while the score came when Ryan Humphreys made it to the corner and raced 36 yards for a touchdown. Burkett's boot was true, and Houston Academy led 14-0 with 9:19 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel came up short on a fourth down and three gamble at the Houston Academy 34-yardline, and this time the Raiders marched 65 yards in 10 plays to add to their lead.

The Raiders smashed their way to the Rebel 1-yardline in nine plays, and after a delay of game penalty pushed them back to the six, Ben Bendinger pulled in an Austin Powell pass for another Houston Academy touchdown. Burkett booted the extra point, and with 2:26 left in the half the Raiders were in control with a 21-0 advantage.

Houston Academy erased any hopes of a Rebel comeback early in the third quarter as the Raiders took the second half kick and marched 43 yards in five snaps to again reach paydirt.

A 32-yard kickoff return by Brandon Owens set the Raiders up at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline, and Leverette again led the way as the Raiders quickly moved into the endzone to go on top 28-0 with 9:19 left in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel showed signs of life offensively on its next series as Charlie Maddox pulled in a Ben Pritchett pass for a 25-yard gain. However, the pass completion was the only bright spot of the short-lived drive, as the Rebels were forced to punt the ball back to the Raiders.

Houston Academy put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline and promptly drove 65 yards in only four snaps to blow the game wide-open.

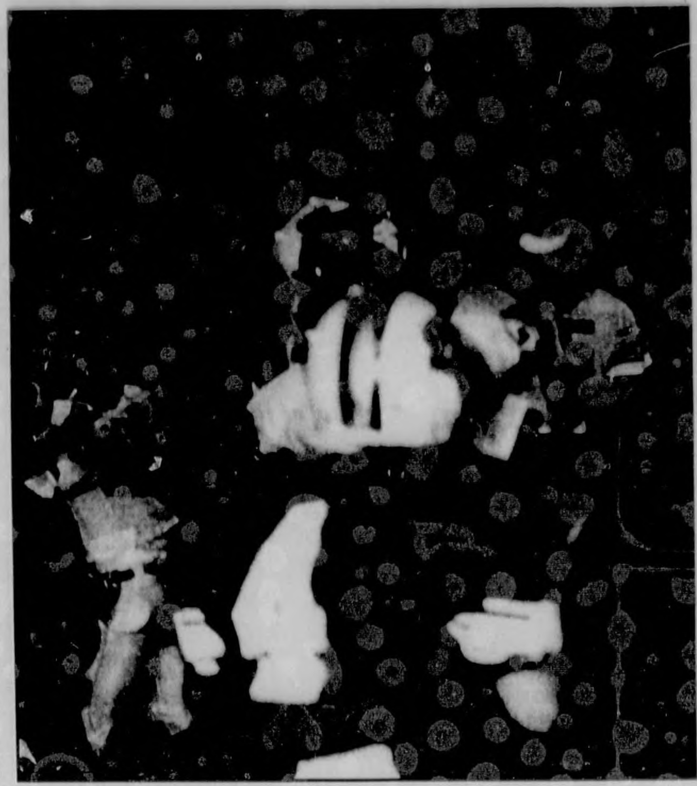
The quick scoring drive was capped off by a 20-yard dash by Leverette, and Burkett again hit on the extra-point try, as the Raiders took a 35-0 lead with 5:17 still left in the third quarter.

The remainder of the game was riddled with scoreless drives as the younger players from both teams gained valuable playing experience, and at the end, it was the Raiders walking off with the 35-0 win.

Junior Jones was the high-man for the Rebels with 52 yards on 14 carries, while Chris Leverette led the Raiders with 200 yards on 23 totes.

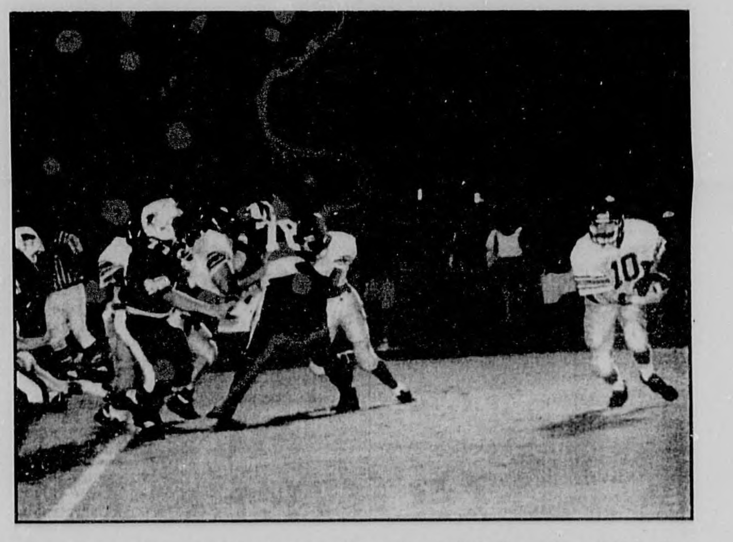
STATISTICS

ZC		HA
9	1st Downs	12
119	Rushing Yds.	304
56	Passing Yds.	45
175	Total Yards	349
5-16-1	Passes	4-6-0
30	Penalty Yds.	85
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	0/0



A **Rebel** pass fails to connect during Zion Chapel's 35-0 setback to Houston Academy last week.

Zion Chapel's **Junior Jones (7)** looks for room to roam in rebel action last Friday night against Houston Academy.



Zion Chapel quarterback **Ben Pritchett (10)** heads outside for a short gain in last week's 35-0 loss to Houston Academy.

Hosts Florala in Friday night clash

Kinston sees record slip to 0-2

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their record fall to 0-2 on the young season last Friday night as they fell to the Geneva County Bulldogs 20-0, in Hartford.

The Bulldogs battled 2A Geneva County on even terms for much of the game and trailed only 7-0 after three quarters, only to see Geneva County score twice in the final stanza to claim the win.

The first Geneva County score came in the second quarter on a fumble recovery and run for a touchdown, while the second TD came early in the fourth quarter following a long drive. The final score came on a blocked punt.

"The defense did a super job and really played hard throughout the game," said Coach Mickey Jacobs. "We gave up only one score on defense, and it was aided by a penalty on third down that kept the drive alive. The defense kept us in the game, but our offense just didn't put any points on the scoreboard."

"After two games it is pretty clear that we simply are not a very good offensive football team," added Jacobs. "The biggest problem is in the offensive line, where we just don't have the experience or the talent to take charge. In the loss to Geneva County we tried to pass 18 times, and the quarterback got hit on 13 of the plays. You can't pass with people chasing the quarterback all over the field, and can't run effectively when there are no holes through which to run. We have a quality back in Jeremy Osborn, but he has had nowhere to run."

"The obvious solution would be to change some folks around, especially in the line," said Jacobs, "but there is no one else to put in their spots. We just have to work hard, learn our assignments and play hard. No one likes to lose, and maybe the line will bow up and improve out of pride in what they are doing."

The Bulldogs will host the 2A Florala Wildcats this week in a game in which both teams are still looking for their first win of the season.

"Florala is like us in that it has been struggling early in the season," said Coach Jacobs. "If we can get our act together and play well on both sides of the football, we will have a chance at winning. We have a few talented players that are really playing hard, and if the players that aren't as good will just keep trying and play their best, we can win some games on our schedule. We have had a courageous effort from a lot of players, we just have to have it from all the players."

Kickoff Friday night in Kinston is set for 7:30 PM

Straughn blanks Elba 8-0

Junior Tigers fall in overtime

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers opened their season on the road last Tuesday night in Straughn, and despite an outstanding defensive performance, fell to the Straughn Junior High Tigers 8-0, in overtime.

The first half of play was a comedy of errors for the Elba offense, as the Junior Tigers fumbled six times and lost four of the miscues.

The Elba offense did mount one drive during the opening two quarters, and behind the running of John Waters and Derek Coleman moved to a first down at the Straughn 47-yardline. Three penalties slowed the drive, however, and a fumble on fourth down killed the march.

Straughn also mounted one drive in the opening half after recovering an Elba fumble at the Elba 35-yardline. Straughn moved to a fourth down and four at the Elba 5-yardline, only to be denied by the stingy Elba defense.

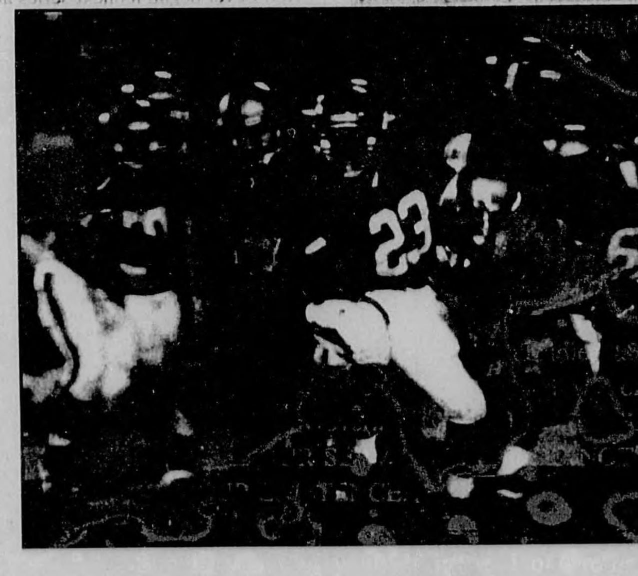
The two defensive units dominated the action in the second half, with Elba managing only two first downs, while the Elba defense limited Straughn to no first downs and minus 11 yards in total offense.

The game went into overtime, and Straughn wasted no time getting into the endzone, as on its first play a 10-yard pass was completed for a touchdown. A two-point attempt was also successful, giving Straughn an 8-0 lead.

Elba fumbled its chance away on its first play in overtime, and Straughn celebrated the 8-0 win.

John Waters gained 59 yards in 15 carries to lead Elba, while Derek Coleman added 22 yards on six tries.

Derek Coleman, John Waters, Brian Brunson and Brandon Salter all had six tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Derrick Brooks and Jerry Dubose both added 4 stops.



Elba Junior Tiger running back **John Waters (23)** pulls away from a Straughn defender in last week's 8-0 overtime loss.

STATISTICS

E		S
4	1st Downs	2
70	Rushing Yds.	13
1	Passing Yds.	40
71	Total Yards	53
1-2-1	Passes	4-7-0
10/6	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
25	Penalty Yds.	64

A Straughn running back finds nowhere to run against the aggressive **Elba** Junior Tiger defense.

Punt, Pass & Kick set for Elba

Young pro football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills when the Atlanta Falcons and the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation host an NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Saturday, September 20.

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For more information, call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Area grid teams seek important wins

The high school football season will swing into week #3 Friday night, and all the area teams are hoping that the third week will be a charm as they try to get important wins.

Following are previews of this week's area contests:

New Brockton at Straughn

The (1-1) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to rebound from their first loss of the young season Friday night when they travel to Straughn to battle the (0-2) Straughn Tigers.

The Gamecocks came back down to earth with a thud last week after being upset by G.W. Long 21-18, but should be more determined than ever in their game against the Tigers. The New Brockton offense had success both running and passing in the loss, but two breakdowns in the kicking game resulted in two G.W. Long touchdowns that allowed the Rebels to post the win.

Straughn has struggled in opening losses to Brantley 14-13 and Baker, Florida, 43-14. However, the Tigers are much better than their record might indicate, and will be looking forward to the Gamecocks' visit.

This should be one of the best games in the area this week.

Goshen at Brantley

Two rivals will hit the field Friday night in Brantley when the (2-0) Brantley Bulldogs tangle with the (2-0) Goshen Eagles.

Brantley has claimed wins in its opening two games, but has looked anything but dominating in slipping past Straughn 14-13 and Red Level 7-6. The Bulldogs have a very young team, but a team filled with experience, and are expected to get better as the season rolls along.

Goshen was expected to be one of the top teams in the 2A ranks this season, and have looked the part in posting wins over Ariton 20-14 and Coffeeville 41-8. The Eagles are filled with skill people, and even though they are 2-0, most feel they have yet to put it all together.

A classic rivalry will take place in Brantley, and is without a doubt the top match-up of the week.

G.W. Long at Zion Chapel

The (1-1) Zion Chapel rebels will be looking to get back on track this week when they host the (2-0) G.W. Long Rebels, at Green Memorial Stadium.

Zion Chapel rolled almost at will in defeating Thorsby 49-34 in week #1, but last week saw little go right in its 35-0 setback to Houston Academy. The youthful Rebels will have their ups and downs as the season progresses, and the key will be for the Rebels to give maximum effort no matter the foe.

G.W. Long followed up its opening 54-0 win over Clayton with an impressive 21-18 upset win over New Brockton, and has to be looking forward to this week's trip to Zion Chapel.

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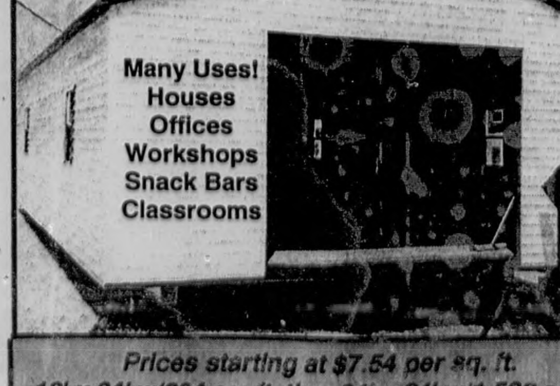

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NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that SAMMY LEE DONALDSON, as Conservator of the Estate of Herbert Jones, an incapacitated person, filed his account and vouchers for partial settlement of said Estate on the 26th day of August, 1997, and that the 30th day of September, 1997, at 10:00 o'clock A.M has been appointed to hear said settlement.
DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 29th day of August, 1997.
/s/ William O. Gammill
JUDGE OF PROBATE 9-4,11,18chg

NOTICE OF COMPLETION
Floyd Construction Co., Inc.; P.O. Box 485; Troy AL 36081 gives notice of completion of Elba High School Access Road #44-015 and sets September 25, 1997, as the date of final settlement. All persons and firms should file all claims for payment to the below address prior to the settlement date:
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
IN RE: The Estate of: CLYDE JONES, an incapacitated person.
NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that SAMMY LEE DONALDSON, as Conservator of the Estate of Clyde Jones, an incapacitated person, filed his account and vouchers for partial settlement of said Estate on the 26th day of August, 1997, and that the 30th day of September, 1997, at 10:00 o'clock A.M has been appointed to hear said settlement.
DONE AND ORDERED THIS THE 29th day of August, 1997.
/s/ William O. Gammill
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SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of writ of execution issued out of the District Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Joseph E. Johnson in favor of Army Aviation Center F.C.U (DV-96-38), out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Joseph E. Johnson I have levied on the following property, to-wit:
A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Lakeview Subdivision as Recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71, Probate Office, Enterprise, Alabama; thence S80-36'-25"W 336.04 feet to the West side of Lakeview Drive and the Point of Beginning; thence N2-56'-12"W along the West side of Lakeview Drive 189.16 feet to a point; thence S84-32'-42"W 153.53 feet to the waters edge of Lake Gregory; thence along the waters edge of Lake Gregory a chord distance and bearing of S3-42-48"E 215.49 feet to a point; thence N74-40'-22"E 154.05 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 18, T5N. R22E and containing 0.705 acres more or less.
Therefore, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above named Joseph E. Johnson in and to the above described property, on the 20th day of October, 1997, during the legal hours of sale, at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse steps in Elba, Alabama.
Dated this 4th day of September, 1997.
/s/Ben Moates
Benjamin M. "Ben" Moates, Sheriff
9-11,18,25-chg

ABANDONED VEHICLE SALE
The following abandoned vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder on Friday, Sept. 26, 1997:
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WHEREAS, Ben-Her Enterprises, Inc, a corporation, and Hershal Benefield and Naomi P. Benefield, by personal guarantee, executed to Mickey Brackin and Tina Brackin on the 6th day of May 1994, a Mortgage upon the real estate hereinafter described to secure indebtedness described therein, said Mortgage being recorded in Mortgage Book 120, Page 212, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County (Elba Division) at Elba, Alabama; and
WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage and in the performance of the terms of said Mortgage, and said default continuing
NOW, THEREOF, Tina M. Brackin, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Mickey Brackin, the owner of said Mortgage, will sell, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, in the City of Elba, Alabama, the real estate embraced in said Mortgage described as follows:
All of the lands North of the Railroad right of way in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the East 7 1/2 acres of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying North of the Railroad right of way, being 39 1/2 acres in Section 7, T3N, R19E, being the same land which was deeded by W.Y. Nobles and wife, J.C. Farris by deed dated December 30, 1925, which was recorded in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama, in Deed Book D-3, page 411, LESS AND EXCEPT 2 1/2 acres of land in NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 7, T3N, R19E, including all improvements thereon, and better described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 7, T3N, R19E, thence North 02 degrees-53'-16" E a distance of 242.75 feet along the East line of said NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 7, thence North 89 degrees-21'-36" West a distance of 587.99 feet to the Northeasterly right of way line of L&N Railroads right of way: thence South 49 degrees-59'-34" East a cord distance of 131.23 feet along the Northeasterly right of way line of T3N, R19E; thence South 89 degrees-20'33" a distance of 306.99 feet along the South line of said forty to the point of beginning, including all improvements thereon; said property containing 37 acres more or less.
NOTE: Said sale, and any conveyance made in consummation thereof, will be made subject to any existing Federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to subject property.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
Dated this the 9th day of September, 1997.
Tina M. Brackin, Individual and As Administratrix of the Estate of Mickey Brackin, deceased
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 31, 1990, executed by RONALD E. STALEY, JR., unmarried, to COLONIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, which mortgage was recorded on August 2. 1990, in Volume 95-A, Page 149, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, which mortgage was, together with the indebtedness secured thereby, and the note evidencing the same, duly transferred to CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, by instrument dated October 2, 1990, and recorded November 25, 1991, in Miscellaneous Book 38, Page 48, Probate Records of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by the said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on the 20th day of October, 1997, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:
A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the North line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 20, T7N, R22E intersects the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #72; thence S10 degrees - 02 minutes W along the West R.O.W. of Coffee County Road #72 210.0 feet to a point; thence S89 degrees - 40 minutes W 210.0 feet to a point; thence N10 degrees - 02 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N89 degrees - 40 minutes E 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 20, T7N, R22E and containing 1 acre more or less.
CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TISHEY H. DAVIS, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-97-41
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of September, 1997, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Raymond Davis
Personal Representative
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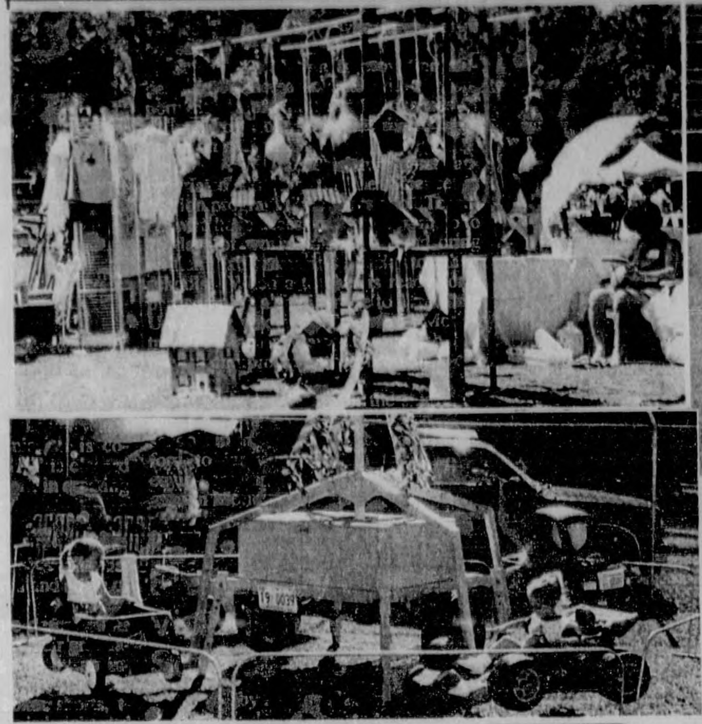

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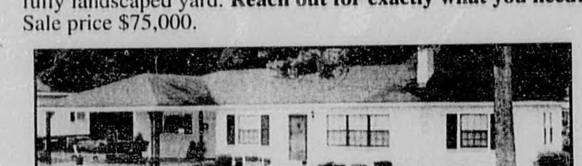
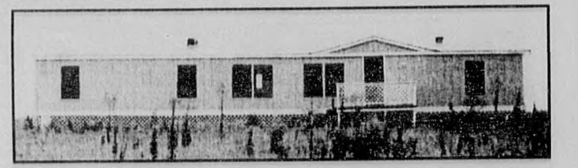
LISTING 278 -1143 Oak Ave. **Efficient. Thoughtful. Practical, and more importantly, Beautiful!** See this lovely brick home offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, extra large den with fireplace, formal living and dining room, nice kitchen, laundry room, breakfast area, large deck, patio, workshop and beautifully landscaped yard. **Reach out for exactly what you need!** Sale price $75,000.



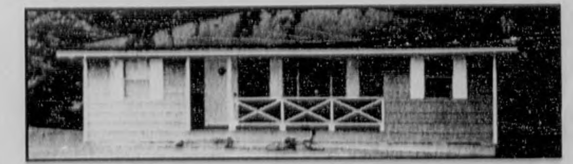
LISTING 276 - Price Reduced!!!!! 959 Sunset Blvd. This beautiful 4-bedroom, 2-bath home has hardwood floors in living room, new vinyl and countertops in kitchen, lots of cabinets, central heat and air, storm windows, patio, office, basement, 2-car carport, tree house and nice storage building. Lots to offer for only ~~$89,500~~. **$85,000. Call today for your appointment.**



LISTING 277 - Hwy 189 (Basin Community). This 4-bedroom, 2-bath mobile home is situated on 1.27 acres +/- with frontage on paved and unpaved roads. Home has large living room/dining room, den with fireplace, large eat-in kitchen, utility room, and deck. New paint and carpet, ready for new owners. Sale price $34,900!

LISTING 279 - Rt. 1, Box 64-4, Elba, AL. My fireside chat comes to you from spacious living area of this beautiful home where Santa's favorite fireplace is centerpiece! This beauty is situated on 2 acres. See to be spoiled on the best! Price reduced to $124,000.

LISTING 272 -Mini-farm provides maximum pleasure! This 25+/- acres has small pond, beautiful 14x80 mobile home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 deep wells, fencing, and lots of shade trees for enjoying the peace and quiet of country living. **Realize your dreams!** Zion Chapel School District! Sale price $54,000.



LISTING 281- Rt. 1, Box 259-B, Jack, AL. Cute, clean and convenient to Zion Chapel School. ... is situated on beautiful 1-acre lot ... peaceful! Raise you... neighborhood! Listing price $33,900.

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Antique car tags expire October 1st

The Alabama Dept. of Revenue reminds vehicle owners that antique license tags displayed on vehicles 25 years or older will expire Sept. 30,1997, and after that date, will no longer be valid tags.

Legislation passed in the 1996 regular session repealed the antique tag and called for the issuance of a vintage tag in its place, setting clearly-defined qualification requirements for vintage vehicles, increasing the vehicle age qualification from 25 to 30 years, as well as defining the use of the vehicle.

The law required that the vintage tag replace the antique tag, beginning Oct. 1, 1996, and allowed a one-year transition period for vehicle owners to either exchange their antique tag for the new vintage tag or acquire a standard vehicle license plate if they do not wish to operate the vehicle as a vintage or collector-type vehicle.

Vehicle owners applying for a vintage tag for the first time will pay a one-time $10 registration fee, a county issuance fee (generally $1.25), and any ad valorem taxes which have accrued on the vehicle prior to its registration as a vintage vehicle.

Vehicles displaying a vintage tag will be exempt from any future ad valorem or property taxes.

For more information concerning vintage tag registration requirements, contact the department's Motor Vehicle Division at 334/242-9000; for ad valorem tax requirements, Ad Valorem Tax Division at 334/242-1525.

BBC, EEOC joining forces in job bias cases

The Better Business Bureau and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) have joined forces to deal wth the heavy load of worker discrimination complaints filed each month in Alabama.

It has been estimated that between 250 and 300 such complaints are received in a typical month.

Many of these cases have ended up in the courtroom, something that puts a tremendous strain on an already swamped justice system.

What the BBB-EEOC alliance is designed to do is mediate complaints at the onset, thus avoiding expensive litigation.

"This is a one-of-a-kind program," said Don Boomershine, president of the BBB of Central Alabama and counties of the Wiregrass.

"We are the first bureau to start a mediation program with the EEOC, and we think it's a natural."

Under the program, when a worker discrimination complaint is forwarded to the EEOC, the agency will screen it to see if the case should be investigated, according to Debra B. Wilson, alternative dispute resolution coordinator for EEOC's Birmingham office.

If the charge proves to have merit, the EEOC receives permission from both parties to mediate the case through the BBB. The Bureau will then bring in area attorneys certified in mediation to attempt to resolve the dispute short of court.

"This mediation program can save both the government and businesses lots of time and money," Ms. Wilson said.

Randolph Willis

Randolph Willis assigned to Korea

PV2 Randolph S. Willis of Co. A, 58th Trans. Bn, 1st Engr. Bde, USAECFLW, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., has been reassigned on Permanent Change of Station to 1st Adjutant General Detachment, Korea.

He is to report for duty Sept. 28.

State Farm to pay dividends to policyholders

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co., the largest personal lines insurance company in the United States, has announced it plans to pay dividends of $7.2 million to its Alabama auto insurance policyholders.

The Alabama dividends are part of a national program under which State Farm and its New Jersey affiliate, State Farm Indemnity Co., will pay nearly $700 million to its auto insurance customers in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

The dividends will be paid by check or a credit to State Farm Mutual customers' accounts over a six-month period beginning No.v 1. State Farm will return 3.6 percent of its semiannual premium on its 701,000 Alabama policies.

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ABC Board searches for "lost" business

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board announces that after Jan. 1, 1998, any business selling tobacco can be fined from $100 - $500 for failure to have a tobacco sales permit.

State authorities estimate there are more than 8,000 businesses in the state selling tobacco products, or who have cigarette vending machines; and that as of Sept. 7, only 2200 businesses have applied to the ABC Board for tobacco sales permits, which are free.

Permit applications may be obtained from county health offices, county probate offices, ABC wholesale beverage stores, local ABC enforcement offices, and some city licensing offices.

Once the completed application is received by the ABC Board, the free permit will be mailed to the applicant.

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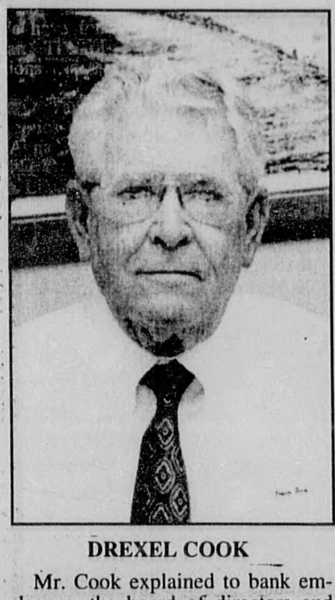
CEO DREXEL COOK NAMES DORIS MATTHEWS AS BANK PRESIDENT

The Peoples Bank sells controlling interest

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

In one giant sweep last Thursday morning Peoples Bank CEO Drexel Cook made official his retirement by the end of the year, revealed the appointment of long time Executive Vice President Doris Matthews as the new president and at the same time announced the sale of controlling interest in the local bank to a Troy firm.



DREXEL COOK

Mr. Cook explained to bank employees, the board of directors and stockholders that he was retiring for personal reasons, but intends to remain active in the local business community as well as continue to serve on the bank's board of directors. He plans to maintain his long time association with Elba General Hospital where he presently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors.

At the same time he stressed with pride that the directors were promoting one of the bank's own in a well deserved move. Mrs. Matthews, a Coffee County native, began with The Peoples Bank 30 years ago and Mr. Cook said her abilities are unquestioned. "She has natural business instincts and enjoys doing business, in addition to being an accomplished banker. The bank's future could not be in better hands," he said. Mrs. Matthews assumed the position of president immediately.

Cook said majority interest in the bank holding company, Pea River Capital, has been sold to Henderson Bankshares of Troy, which owns a controlling interest in Troy Bank & Trust. The Peoples Bank will continue to operate under the same name and as a stand-alone bank. It will have a local board and local management as in the past. This transaction, of course, requires regulatory approval.

"The board chose to enter into an agreement with an independent community banking firm rather than any of the large regional or national corporations because of a strong belief that Elba will benefit more with the continued presence of a community bank," Cook said. He noted that Henderson Bankshares is owned in majority by the Charles Henderson Trust, which clearly indicates it will always be an independent community bank.

Mrs. Matthews said she is honored and excited about the promotion and looks forward to an even greater opportunity to fulfill more of the financial needs of the people in the Elba area. A well trained, dedicated staff is in place to continue serving the banking public of this area, according to Mrs. Matthews. She said the recent sale would give the Elba bank access to more capital and a wider range of financial options. This will allow them to better serve the business needs of the bank's customers.

DORIS MATTHEWS

"We have a long-standing relationship with the staff of Troy Bank & Trust, which is one of the oldest and largest independent banks in the state. We think it is a natural blend and have no doubt they will work well with the Elba staff, in serving the ever expanding needs of the existing customers, as well as support the continued unprecedented growth of the local bank," Mrs. Matthews said.

Mrs. Matthews and her husband Joel are the parents of one son, Kevin, and the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Morgan, age 2. She has long been active in local civic, school and church activities. Doris is on the board of directors and is past president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as vice-chairman of the Elba Industrial Development Board. The couple reside in the Brookdale subdivision of Elba.

LEVEE REHABILITATION PROJECT... Last Friday morning, the City of Elba received a boost in its project involving the rehabilitation of the levee protecting portions of the city. The boost was a monetary one. The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) presented Elba Mayor James E. Grimes (right) with a check for $16,250.00. Making the presentation was H. Estus Walker, P.E., executive director of CPYRWMA. In making the presentation, Walker said, "We are glad to make this contribution in appreciation of the work that has already been done on the levee and will be done in the future. "The estimated cost of the project is $433,333.00 with the City of Elba providing 25 percent ($108,333) in cash in order to meet requirements of the Project Cooperative Agreement with the Corps of Engineers.

CONTRIBUTION MADE TO FUNDING WATER STUDY IN AREA

Commission approves $10.7 million budget

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was longer than recent ones with a majority of the meeting consisting of opening bids.

The only other major item of business was the approval of the budget for the fiscal year 1997-98.

After opening annual bids for chemicals (weed control on right-of-ways), fertilizer, lime, crushed stone, bridge components, and asphalt, the commission chose not to award any of the bids. They were either tabled or held for further review.

County Engineer Randy Tindell recommended that the lone bid received on bridge components be rejected and the remainder of the bids on other items be compared to state bid prices before making any awards. No bids were submitted on seeding, fertilizing and spreading.

Turning to the business of money, County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented a brief synopsis of the FY97-98 budget. The balanced budget, as required by law, totaled $10,701,397.00. This is up from last year's budget of $10,340,400.00.

A breakdown of the budget is as follows:

General Fund - $3,726,760.00; Landfill Fund - $2,581,000.00; Gasoline Fund - $2,186,822.00; Road & Bridge Fund - $590,000.00; 3RRR Gasoline Fund - $1,078,000.00; Public Highway & Traffic Fund - $257,500.00; and Reappraisal Fund - $281,315.00.

Included in this year's budget is a 40¢ per hour pay increase for all county employees.

After Mobley's presentation, a motion was made to approve the new budget. This brought on more discussion and an amendment to the budget motion.

Earlier in the meeting, Estus Walker, executive director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority, had addressed the commission concerning a study project assessing surface and ground water in the area.

The project will also look at the quality of water and the availability of surface water. Also being looked at is the possibility of constructing five surface water reservoirs in the area. Two of the sites being considered are in Coffee County just southwest of Enterprise.

Walke. asked the commission for monetary support of the project. This resulted in an amendment to the budget approval motion by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

Dalrymple's motion called for a contribution, by the county, of $5,000.00 from the general fund to the water study project.

Mobley reminded commissioners that the budget has to be a balanced one; therefore, $5,000 will have to be added to the revenue side, as well as the expenditure side, of the budget.

Some commissioners questioned the adding of this item to the budget without first knowing where the revenue would come from. Mobley noted that he did not think it would be a problem (finding the money), but it would just be a matter of deciding where the money would come from.

After several minutes of discussion, the amendment was approved with Commissioner Kayo Lewis casting the lone dissenting vote. The motion to approve the budget was also passed with Lewis again casting a "no" vote.

Also in connection with the new budget, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion that tipping fees at the county landfill remain the same except those increases stipulated in contracts already in force. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Commissioners Doug Dalrymple, seconded by Bernest Brooks, to increase the tipping rate from $17 to $18 per ton for cities and towns within the county failed.

Wanda Edberg, Coffee County Solid Waste Enforcement Officer, reminded commissioners that MDI (Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.) would began collecting garbage in the county October 1, 1997.

She stated that any county resident who has not signed up and does not have a garbage container should call MDI at 1-888-735-5111 or her office at 347-957, ext. 273.

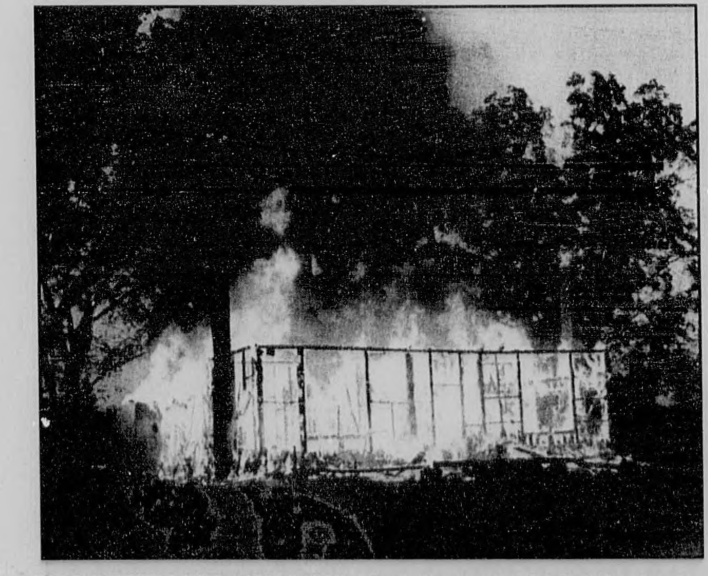
Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Approved sending out bid invitations on pipe for the highway department.

***Gave final approval for the plat on the Winterberry Way Subdivision located just off Co. Rd. 157. This is a private subdivision and the roads will not be county-maintained.

***Signed a resolution setting the speed limit at 25mph in Forehand and Sleepy Hollow subdivisions.

***Approved obtaining a declaratory judgement (clarification) on the recent court decision involving a fence on Co. Rd. 720.



FIRE DESTROYS LANDMARK... An early morning fire last Sunday, totally destroyed the Stillman Daniels homeplace in the Woodland Grove Community. Firemen from Elba, Five Star, and New Brockton battled the blaze but it had too much of a head start. The house which was owned by Janice Marler Fernandez was unoccupied at the present time and had no electricity going to the dwelling. Neighbors who reported the fire said they heard a loud explosion. The state fire marshal was called in to investigate the fire.

RECEPTION

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a reception honoring Ms. Alberta Martin on Friday, September 26, 1997, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at Taylor Mill Oaks, 2805 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, AL. The public is cordially invited to come and visit with Ms. Martin, the last known surviving widow of a Confederate soldier.

E-911 project update given

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

An update on the progress being made on the implementation of E-911 was given last Friday morning by the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board (CCECB).

Gloria Webb stated that numerous inquiries have been received concerning the status of the project.

"We want to insure that every citizen has a definitive street address, and one that can be readily located by emergency responders," she said.

According to Webb, over 90 percent of the roads in the county outside the town and/or city limits have been completely addressed.

The board expects the addressing of the rural portions of the county to be complete by early October. Then the addressing work will begin in New Brockton, Kinston, and Elba.

Webb said that if LAS continues on its present time line, the addressing project could be completed as early as January 1998. This would give the contractor time to "clean up" any problems detected in the project.

Mrs. Webb emphasize four things:

One, the new addresses that have been assigned are not to be used until notification is received from the postal authorities to do so;

Two, it is important that the bottom part of the forms being left at each residence by LAS be completed and returned as directed. Only about 60 percent of the forms have been returned. This information is essential to the completion of the data base;

Three, any resident who has been missed should call 894-5415 and make it known;

Four, anyone being billed (telephone bill) incorrectly, or not billed at all, for the E-911 service fee should also call 894-5415.

Mrs. Webb reminds everyone, "We are dealing with more than 1,100 miles of road, so someone could be missed or a mistake made."

She also noted that once the project is completed and E-911 is implemented, residents will be given a one-year grace period in which to change their addresses on checks and other documents.

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AREA FOOTBALL GAMES **The Elba Tigers travel to Opp - kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels play host to Clayton - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; New Brockton Gamecocks are at home against Geogiana with game time set at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs are at home against Samson with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs are at home against McKenzie - kickoff at 7:30 p.m.**

JAIL RESTORATION PROJECT **Brick pavers to be used in the walkway and court yard of the old jail may now be purchased. The brick can have up to three (3) lines of engraved print with each line limited to fourteen (14) letters. Send name and information to go on the brick with a check for $35.00 for each brick. Checks should be made payable to Jail Restoration Project, Elba Chamber of Commerce, and mail to 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. For additional information call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334)897-3125.**

HOMECOMING SCHEDULED **New Brockton High School will have homecoming September 26, 1997. The day's activities will begin with a pep rally at 1:00 p.m. in the gym followed by a parade through downtown New Brockton at 2:15 p.m. The evening will conclude with the Gamecocks playing host to Georgiana at 7:30 p.m.**

Change being made in handicap parking credentials

Disabled drivers and vehicle owners are reminded by the Alabama department of Revenue to check and ensure that their vehicles display proper parking credentials authorizing parking in designated handicap spaces.

Beginning December 1, 1997, Alabama law enforcement will not honor the parking of vehicles in handicap parking spaces unless those vehicles display valid handicap license plates or valid handicap parking placards.

Valid handicap parking credentials include either the Alabama handicap license plate, issued during the 1997 registration year, or the 1997 removable standard windshield (blue) placard or the removable temporary (red) windshield placard.

Effective December 1, 1997, handicap decals displayed on any distinctive tag or Alabama handicap parking placards issued before January 1, 1997, will no longer serve as valid Alabama handicap parking credentials.

Individuals who have either of these former credentials must be recertified by their physicians using federal disability qualifications to obtain the Alabama handicap license plate and/or the 1997 standard windshield parking placard.

In January 1997, Alabama adopted federal handicap parking and vehicle licensing provisions.

Federal law prohibits the use of decals on license plates as a handicap parking credential and requires that the removable handicap windshield parking placards hang from the vehicle's rear-view mirror.

For more information concerning Alabama's handicap parking credentials, contact the Alabama department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, at (334)242-9000.

NEWS BRIEFS

The two inmates who escaped from the Elba Work Release Center last week (September 15) have been recaptured and returned to prison. Jeffery Parrett, 21, was captured by Georgia authorities after he wrecked the vehicle he was driving. Tony Eagan, 20, was captured last Thursday afternoon by Houston County Sheriff's Deputies near Ashford, AL.

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Authorities believe that a stray bullet may have struck and killed Jimmy L. Williams who was working in his chicken houses just west of Kinston. The incident occurred Tuesday morning (Sept. 16) around 11 a.m. Williams was taken to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp where he died as a result of a wound in the lower abdomen. Cartridge casings were found near a stop sign with several holes in it near the intersection of Co. Rds. 91 and 89. The sign was approximately 400 yards from where Williams was found. The incident remains under investigation.